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RESTRAINT ON GOLD BAR GAMBLING.

DRASIC MEASURES BY NANKING.

REAL HOPE OF IMPROVEMENT IN SILVER MARKET.

CURBING SPECULATION.

THE FIRST ray of hope of an improvement in the silver market in the immediate future, emerges from a message from our Shanghai Correspondent this morning, announcing that the Nanking Government is imposing vigorous restrictions on the operations of the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange, generally regarded as the most potent influence in the world silver market.

Colossal speculative dealings in gold bars in Shanghai have provided, it is contended, one of the principal causes of the collapse of silver prices. In future, however, only *bona fide* exporters will be allowed to buy or sell, the names of dealers must be submitted daily for examination, brokers will lose their licences for infringing regulations, and an additional safety measure is contained in a requirement of a deposit of ten per cent. on all transactions.

It is the general opinion in Shanghai that the silver market will improve as a result of the measures. Meanwhile, Mr. H. H. Kung, commenting on the proposed silver loan to China, hints that it will be unacceptable unless accompanied by a large gold credit.

SALUTORY EFFECT EXPECTED.

Shanghai, Feb. 2. After a week of rumours suggesting that the Chinese Government proposed to close down the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange, to which little attention has been paid by the operators, it was disclosed this morning that the National Government has decided, not to close the Exchange, but to impose very strict regulations designed to prevent further wild speculation in gold bars.

Immediate Observance.

Ten Articles, it is learned, have been prepared for transmission to the Shanghai Gold Bar Exchange on Kiu Kiang Road, and to the Shanghai Stock and Produce Exchange, for immediate observance.

The anti-gambling measures have been approved by the Central Political Council, and they strictly prohibit brokers from buying or selling gold bars on behalf of parties who are not *bona fide* exporters or dealers in foreign exchange.

The names of the people engaged in transactions on the Exchange are to be submitted for daily examination.

Violation of the order will entail the withdrawal of the licence of the broker concerned, while severe punishments will be imposed in addition.

Ten Per Cent. Margin.

There is no suggestion that the Nanking Government contemplates the complete closing of the Exchange as has been previously hinted.

The safety measures introduced will have a salutary effect, especially that requiring the payment of a ten per cent. margin as a deposit on all transactions.

It is the general opinion that the silver market will improve as the result of the measures.

As was pointed out in the *North China Daily News* on Thursday last week, the influence of the Gold Bar Exchange on the silver exchange position is undoubtedly very great, and it has been noted that operators there have been able to force exchange up when the price of silver had gone down and vice versa.

This ability will be considerably lessened as a result of the regulations which are to be put into force.

Newspaper Comment.

The *N.C.D. News*, commenting on the rumours of Government action adds: "There are many dif-

UNCOMPROMISING ATTITUDE OF INDIA CONGRESS.

PEACE PROSPECT NOT BRIGHT.

ASK RAJ TO CONDONE CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE.

COMMUNAL RIOTS.

The leaders of the All-India Congress have been deliberating on Mr. Ramsay MacDonald's declaration of British policy, but it cannot be claimed that the prospects of an early settlement are particularly bright at the moment. The Congress leaders say they are prepared to negotiate, but their preliminary demands are impossible.

The "suspension of judgment" until the arrival of Sir Tej Badhur Sapru, Mr. Srinivasa Sastri and Mr. Jayakar offers some hope that these demands will be modified, and the next days will be of vital importance.

Gandhi Present.

Allahabad, Feb. 1. A meeting of the leaders of the Congress was held here to-day, the Mahatma Gandhi being among those present.

The gathering discussed at very considerable length the question of peace negotiations, and the trend of the discussion reveals that Congress is prepared to negotiate provided all political prisoners are released under an amnesty order, that peaceful picketing is permitted, that breaches of the salt law are ignored, and that all repressive measures are withdrawn.

The demands reveal the hand of Gandhi, being in line with his message to the *Daily Herald*.

It is the general opinion that unless these points are conceded there is little hope of peace.

The meeting passed a resolution, reiterating the Working Committee's decision that the civil disobedience movement shall continue, and also a further resolution declaring that the boycott of foreign cloth must go on until the nation has acquired the power to exclude foreign cloth by total prohibition or by a prohibitory tariff.

Officer Burned Alive.

Meanwhile a serious disturbance is reported from Rawalpindi.

Many persons were killed and wounded and a Sikh Jamadar (a native officer) was burned alive during fierce communal rioting in a village about forty miles from Rawalpindi.

Several hundred of the Moslem community arrived, attacked the Sikh village, burned and looted the shops, threw all the beef in the village into the Hindu temple and generally ran wild until a strong force of police arrived and restored order.—*Reuter*.

Irresponsible Element.

At present all that is known is that there is talk in Nanking of restricting the activities of the exchange dealers, but so far it will have to be done in a way which will not inflict harm on the community. By making a free market, as Mr. Hartley Withers says, merchants in the past and to-day have been able to secure rates for their bills which in other circumstances would not have been possible, and that brings into prominence the case where speculation proves of benefit to the commercial community. When, however, to refer again to the above passage, speculation becomes a danger, it is obviously time for action.

Probably the safest view to be obtained on the matter is that of the exchange brokers handling the bills of import and exporting firms, and in the present state of affairs, it is interesting to note that as far as can be learned the free market which the Exchange affords, offsets the greater evils. There is, however, an irresponsible element, with funds and know-

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SEVERE BLOW FOR MR. SCULLIN.

OVERWHELMING LABOUR ELECTION DEFEAT.

THE SENATE'S POWER.

Sydney, Feb. 1. The Labour Government has suffered a serious setback in the important by-election at Parkes, despite the fact that Mr. Scullin participated in the campaign.

The result of the election declared to-day gives Mr. Marr, the Nationalist candidate, a majority of 8,833 over the Labour candidate, Mr. Martin. The huge turnover of votes since the 1929 election may be judged from the fact that Mr. Marr lost his seat on that occasion.

Many members of the Federal Cabinet are dismayed by the result, which they attribute largely to the reinstatement of Mr. E. G. Theodore as the Federal Treasurer.

They declare that a general election just now would probably mean the dismissal of the government.

The Senate, which is now in a position to dictate to the Government, may possibly hold up all Government business while Mr. Theodore remains in office, thus compelling his withdrawal against the wishes of Mr. Scullin, or a general election.

Meanwhile, Mr. Scullin is striving to regain unity in his party, itself at sixes and sevens over Mr. Theodore.—*Reuter*.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN W. C. PASSMORE.

NEARLY FORTY YEARS WITH DOUGLAS CO.

Failing in health for a long period, Captain William Cooper Passmore, formerly of the Douglas Steamship Co., and a resident of Humphrey's Buildings, Kowloon, passed away this morning at an advanced age. His death will be mourned by a large circle of friends, and colleagues in Hong Kong and on the China coast with whom he enjoyed a long association.

To his wife and child who survive him will be extended the deepest sympathy in their sorrow.

Capt. Passmore joined the Douglas Steamship Co. in February, 1888, as third officer of the old s.s. Haiphong. He became first officer in 1892 and master seven years later, when he took over command of the s.s. Thales. His years of service subsequently earned for him the title of senior captain, and it was not until 1927, nearly forty years after joining, that he severed his connexion with the Company. This was due to ill-health.

During the war, Capt. Passmore played his part in assisting the Allied cause, when he commanded the s.s. Hatchet, which was temporarily converted into a transport on the Barra run.

Extremely popular, both in his business and amongst his many friends, the passing of Capt. Passmore will be greatly felt. For many years he resided at the King Edward Hotel, subsequently moving to Kowloon, where he took up residence in Humphrey's Buildings. It was there that he died early this morning, following a rather long illness.

The funeral has been arranged

to take place to-morrow afternoon, passing the monument at 5 o'clock.

AIMEE MACPHERSON VISIT.

CONFUSION CAUSED OVER NAMES.

Shanghai, Feb. 2.

Some confusion has been created here in connexion with the news from New York stating that the well-known American evangelist, Aimee MacPherson, and her daughter, Roberta, left Honolulu on Saturday for Shanghai aboard the s.s. President Wilson. The message added that Mrs. MacPherson was travelling under the name of Mrs. Poato.

There has been complete misunderstanding here by the use of Mrs. Poato's name, as Mrs. Poato and her daughter Isabel, who are aboard the President Wilson, travelling from Honolulu to Shanghai, under British passports, are the wife and daughter of a well-known and respected British merchant in Shanghai, who is in no way connected with Aimee MacPherson.—*Reuter*.

LATEST NANKING SHIPPING PLANS OUTLINED.

CHINESE-AMERICAN COMPANY.

OTHER LINES TO BE BARRED FROM INLAND WATERS.

JAPANESE ANXIETY.

Shanghai, Feb. 1.

The proposal by the Ministry of Communications for the formation of a Sino-American Shipping Company, with vessels to ply between coastal ports and Chinese inland waters, has evoked considerable interest among foreign shipping and commercial circles here.

It is now revealed that the Ministry suggests that the vessels should run between Shanghai and Canton and also between Shanghai and Nanking, Hankow, Foochow and Tientsin. The scheme contemplates improving Canton as a shipping centre, and it is believed that as a result of vessels plying directly between Canton and North China ports, the import and export trade of Kwangtung will be expanded.

The Ministry of Communications has requested officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to approach a well-known American shipping company, with extensive connections in the Far East and branch offices at Shanghai and Hongkong, suggesting that negotiations be opened for the formation of the Company.

To Fly Chinese Flag.

The proposals are that the American company shall supply vessels to run on old and new routes under their management. Flying the Chinese flag, the vessels will be registered with the Chinese Government and will be subject to Chinese navigation regulations. The suggested services are Shanghai-Nanking, Shanghai-Canton, Shanghai-Hankow and Shanghai-Foochow.

It is however, pointed out that the type of vessel owned by the Company will be concerned with the original charge of attempted murder, these being:—(a) of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and (b) of unlawfully and maliciously wounding with intent to main- disfigure or disable or to do other grievous bodily harm to A.J. Manton.

The nearest point to which vessels of the type can approach is Whampoa.

Unless the Canton Government is prepared to develop Whampoa by constructing motor roads and railways linking Canton with Whampoa, the scheme will start under a heavy handicap.

Inland Waters Traffic.

It is obvious that the importance of the formation of such a concern lies in the fact that, with the backing of the Nanking Government, and by flying the Chinese flag, the vessels will have full rights on the inland water trade which may be denied to foreign companies.

The Nanking Government suggests that the head office be established at Shanghai.

Japanese shipping interests are understood to be approaching the Nanking Government with the object of protecting Japanese rights of trade in inland waters.

Meanwhile it is reported that the Nanking Ministry of Communications has reached an understanding with Shanghai bankers for a loan of \$10,000,000 which will be devoted to the reorganisation of the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company.

Another big shipping company with Chinese capital, is the Ching Kee, which has many vessels operating in North China, and a new plying between Shanghai and Canton. General Chang Hsueh-lin is one of the principals in this company, which is contemplating increasing its activities and the purchase of new tonnage in the near future.

SIR ANDREW BALFOUR.

DEATH OF A NOTED SCIENTIST.

London, Feb. 2.

The *Financial Times* says that the sale of a hundred thousand tons of sugar to the Far East has been effected in one contract through the intermediary of London sugar brokers.

The sugar has been placed with

one buyer in order to avoid any dis-

turbance to Eastern markets, thus

minimising any adverse effect on

the final accomplishment of the

Chadbourne Plan.—*Reuter*.

WANCHAI SHOOTING INCIDENT.

MANTON TELLS STORY AT TRIAL.

PLEA THAT MRS. XAVIER MEANT TO SHOOT HERSELF.

TAKE OVER SEPARATION.

DRAMATIC evidence was given this morning when the trial of Mrs. J. M. Xavier, charged with shooting Mr. A. J. Manton at a Wanchai flat on December 27 last, opened before Mr. Lindsell. The victim said he had been living with Mrs. Xavier for six years as man and wife, and they were tolerably happy, though she neglected the home. He had tried to break off the relationship many times but had given way to her pleading.

On the day of the shooting, he again discussed the matter, over the tiffin-table. Soon afterwards, he heard three shots and found he had been hit. He admitted that it might have been an accident and that Mrs. Xavier asked him to shoot her before he left the house.

The defence will be that Mrs. Xavier intended to commit suicide in front of Manton, after long brooding over the proposed separation and that the shooting was an accident.

"SHOOT ME BEFORE YOU GO!"

Mr. P. M. Hodgson, of Messrs. Tao and Hodgson, appears for the accused. Mr. D. L. Strellett, of Messrs. G. K. Hall Bruton, is watching the case in the interests of the chief witness, Mr. A. J. Manton, and Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, the Public Prosecutor, appears for the Police.

New charges were substituted for the original charge of attempted murder, these being:—(a) of wounding with intent to do grievous bodily harm, and (b) of unlawfully and maliciously wounding with intent to main- disfigure or disable or to do other grievous bodily harm to A.J. Manton.

Life Sentence Maximum.

The maximum penalty is the same, being imprisonment for life, stated Mr. Hodgson in agreeing with the Magistrate on the point of not entering a plea at this initial stage of the proceeding.

Opening the case, the Public Prosecutor said that Manton and the accused had been living together as man and wife for six years.

Recently they came to the partition of the ways, and in consequence, the woman was in a highly strung condition. She got the revolver with which she did the shooting from a brother-in-law in Kowloon.

Manton's Story.

Alfred Joseph Manton, looking worn after several weeks in hospital, then took the witness stand. In reply to the Public Prosecutor, he said he was a Traffic Inspector of the Hongkong Tramways, Ltd. Prior to the shooting, he had been living with the accused on the second floor of No. 375, Lockhart Road, Wanchai, having been there for twelve months. Another man, who stayed on the floor above, boarded with them.

On December 27, Manton continued, he came home at five minutes past one o'clock in the afternoon, and sat at the dining table. Accused, who was in the kitchen, then appeared and took a seat also at the table. The floor was divided by the position given to two wardrobes into two rooms. Where they were sitting could be regarded as the living room.

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IMPORTANT BUSINESS AT
SANITARY BOARD.

The rescinding of a resolution passed in 1918 whereby small-pox patients are allowed to be treated in their own homes provided certain conditions are complied with is to be moved by the Medical Officer of Health at Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board.

Questions are also to be asked relating to the water shortage and the question of malaria.

Small-Pox.

The Medical Officer of Health, pursuant to notice, will move:

"That the resolution of the Board of 15th October, 1918 that patients suffering from small-pox be allowed to be treated in their own houses under the following conditions:

- (1) That all cases in the district should be notified to the Medical Officer of Health.
- (2) That all inmates of the house should be vaccinated.
- (3) That a notice should be posted on the door of the house where the patient is being treated" be rescinded."

Water Shortage.

Mr. Wong Kwong Tin, pursuant to notice, will ask:

"i. Owing to scarcity of water and the consequential restriction of supplies, will the Head of the Sanitary Department consider the suspension of general house cleansing two weeks before Chinese New Year, and ii. recommend to the Water Authority to give a full house supply of water two days before and after the Chinese New Year i.e. 15th-18th February, both days inclusive?"

Malaria.

Mr. M. K. Lo, pursuant to notice will ask:

"With reference to my questions on the 9th December, 1930 and the answers of the Head of the Sanitary Department to me of the same date, in the course of which he stated that the reports of the Malariaologist on Lyemun and Taikoo were forwarded to the Government by the Honourable the Director of Medical and Sanitary Services with his recommendations on the 4th and 14th October, 1930 respectively, that the Government was then not in a position to announce its intentions on the recommendations submitted and that the question of publishing the recommendations had not been considered by Government—

"Will the Head of the Sanitary Department be good enough to ascertain from the Government and inform the Board whether the Government has now had time to reach a decision in regard to the publication of the reports of the Malariaologist together with the director's recommendations, for the information of the public?"

"Will the Head of the Sanitary Department ask the Government to supply copies of the documents to the members of the Board for their information?"

WOMEN STABBED.

SERIOUSLY INJURED BY FIVE ARMED ROBBERS.

A dastardly attack on two helpless females, one a widow 56 years of age and the other a girl 18 years of age, was made by a gang of robbers who gained admission to 17, Yuk Ming Street, West Point, on Saturday night.

The robbers, five in number, were armed with knives and daggers and gained admittance to the floor under the pretext that they had some-

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thing to deliver to the house. They found only two persons on the floor and were about to ransack the premises when the woman and the girl showed resistance. The men, without hesitation, snabbed both inmates and then dumped them into a cubicle. They hurriedly forced open a drawer in one of the cubicles and collected a quantity of jewellery before decamping.

The alarm was raised by neighbours and when the Police arrived on the scene they found the two injured persons in an unconscious

condition, the girl being the more seriously hurt of the two. They were immediately rushed off to the Government Civil Hospital, and the girl subsequently died.

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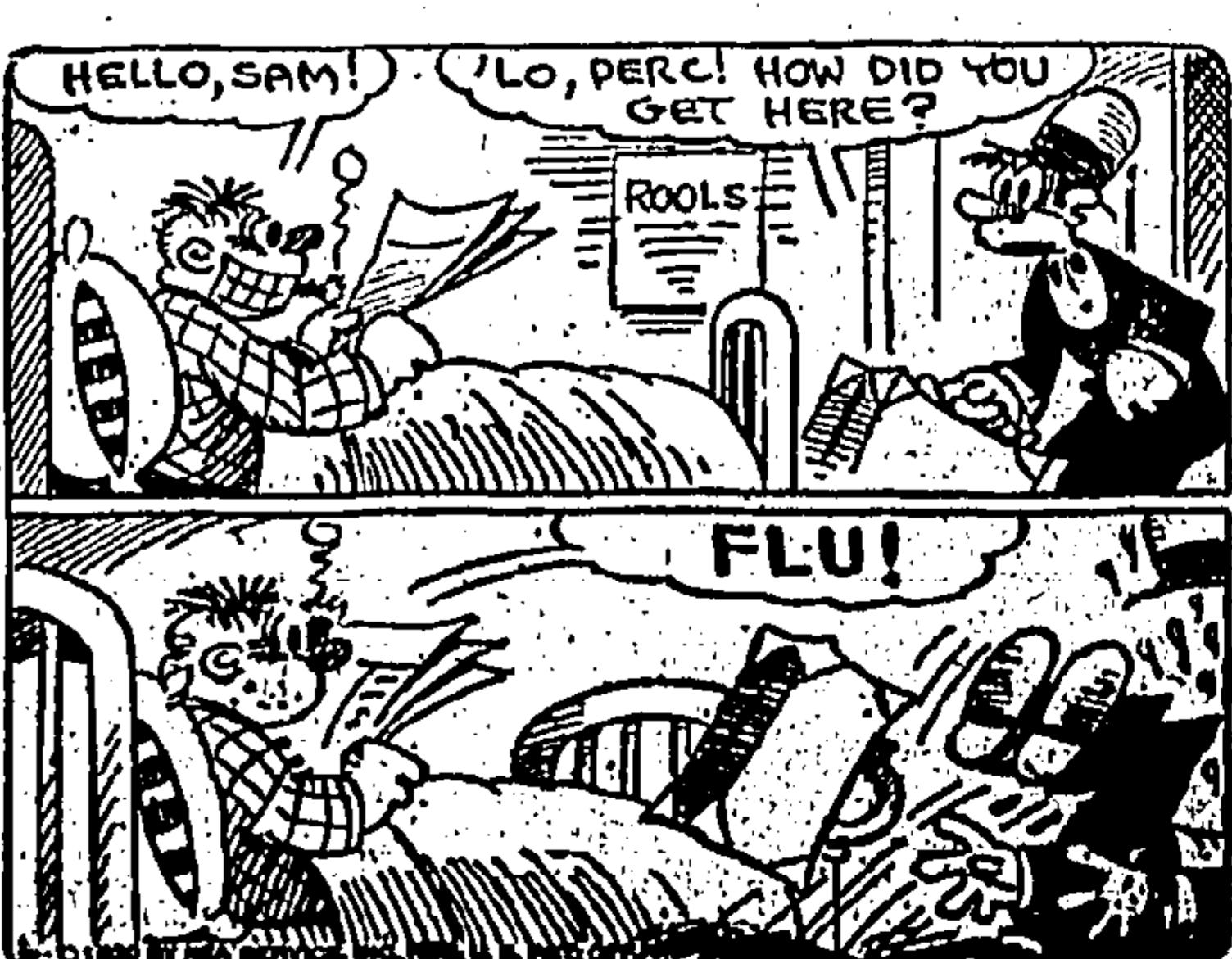
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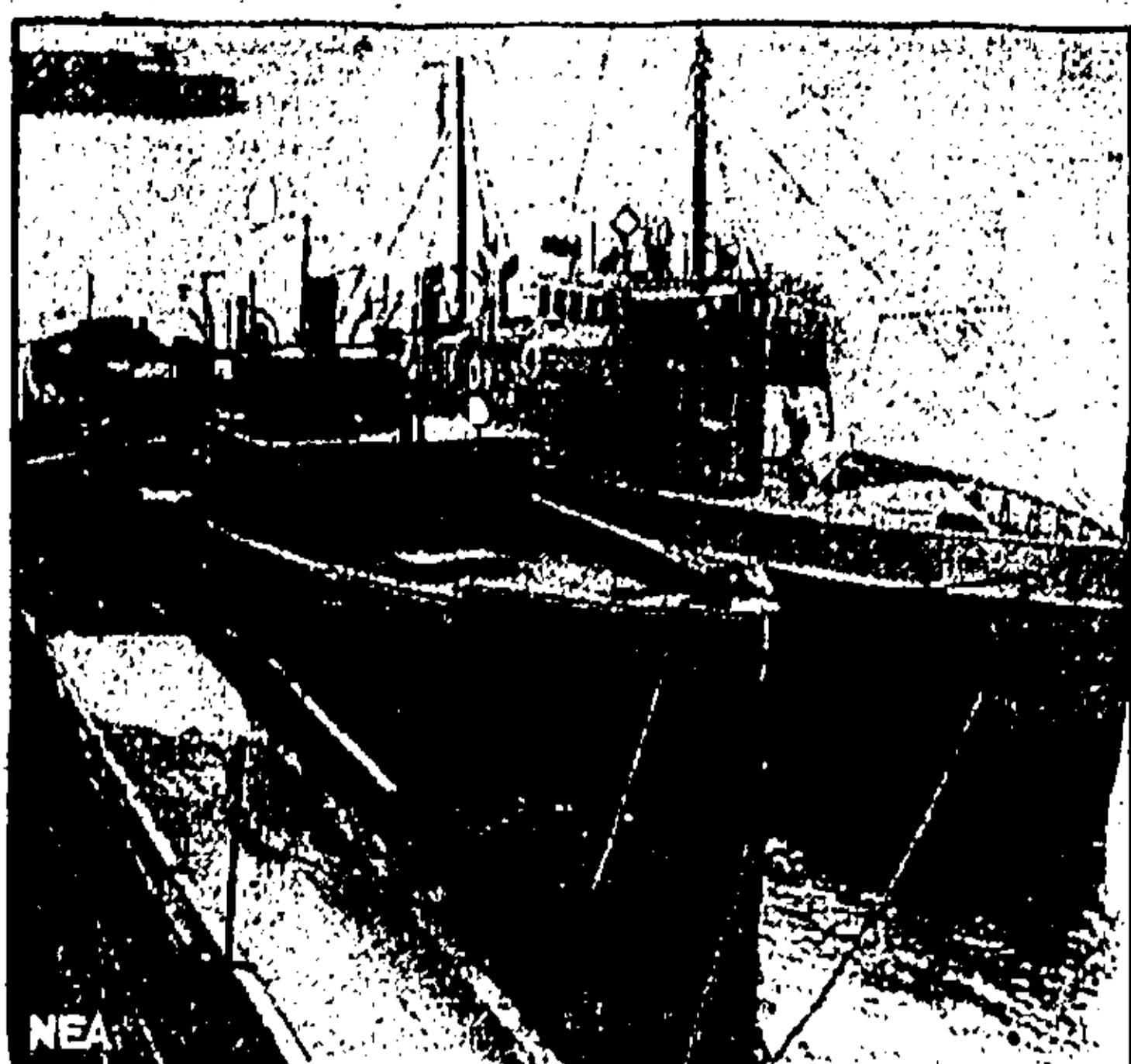
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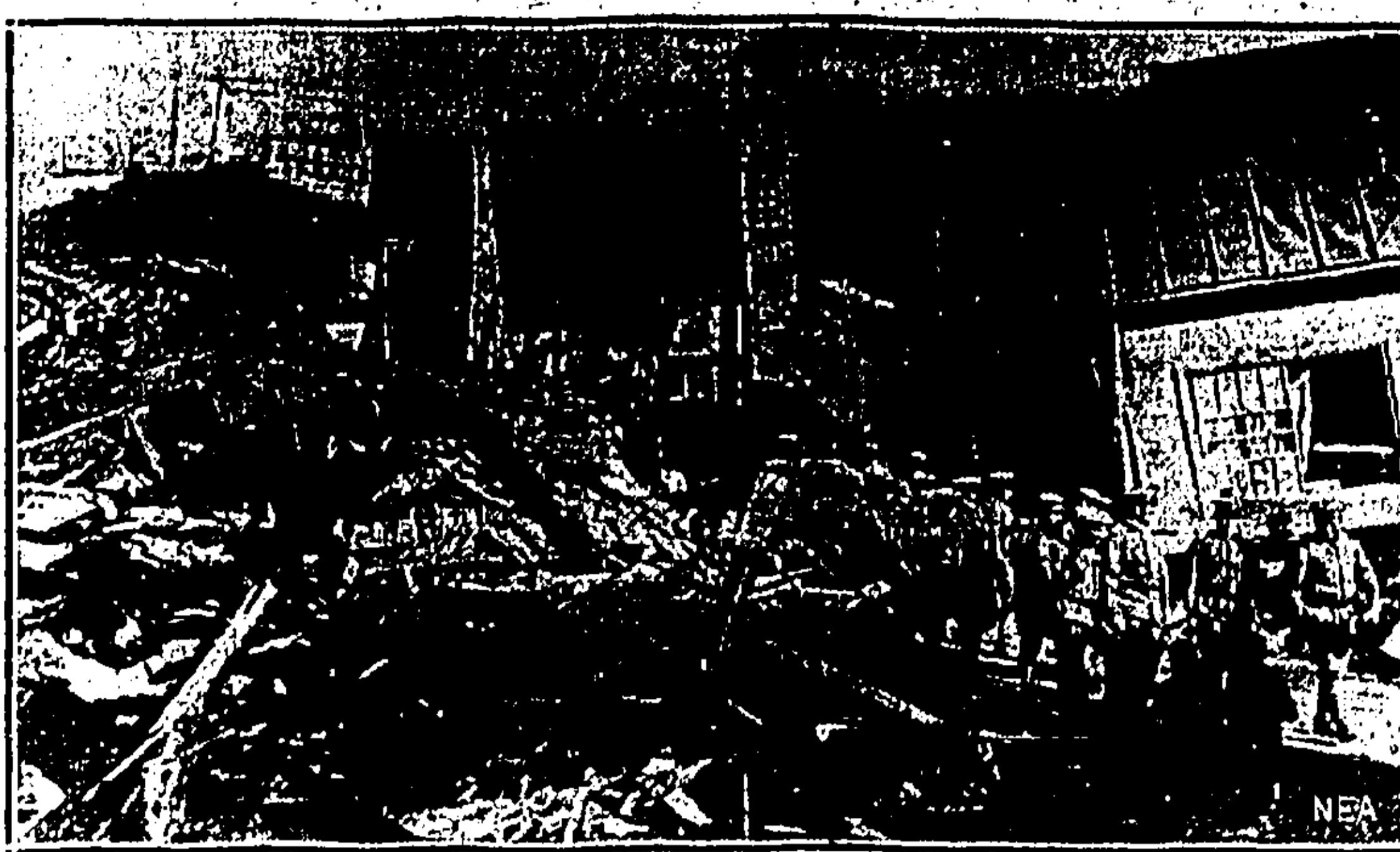


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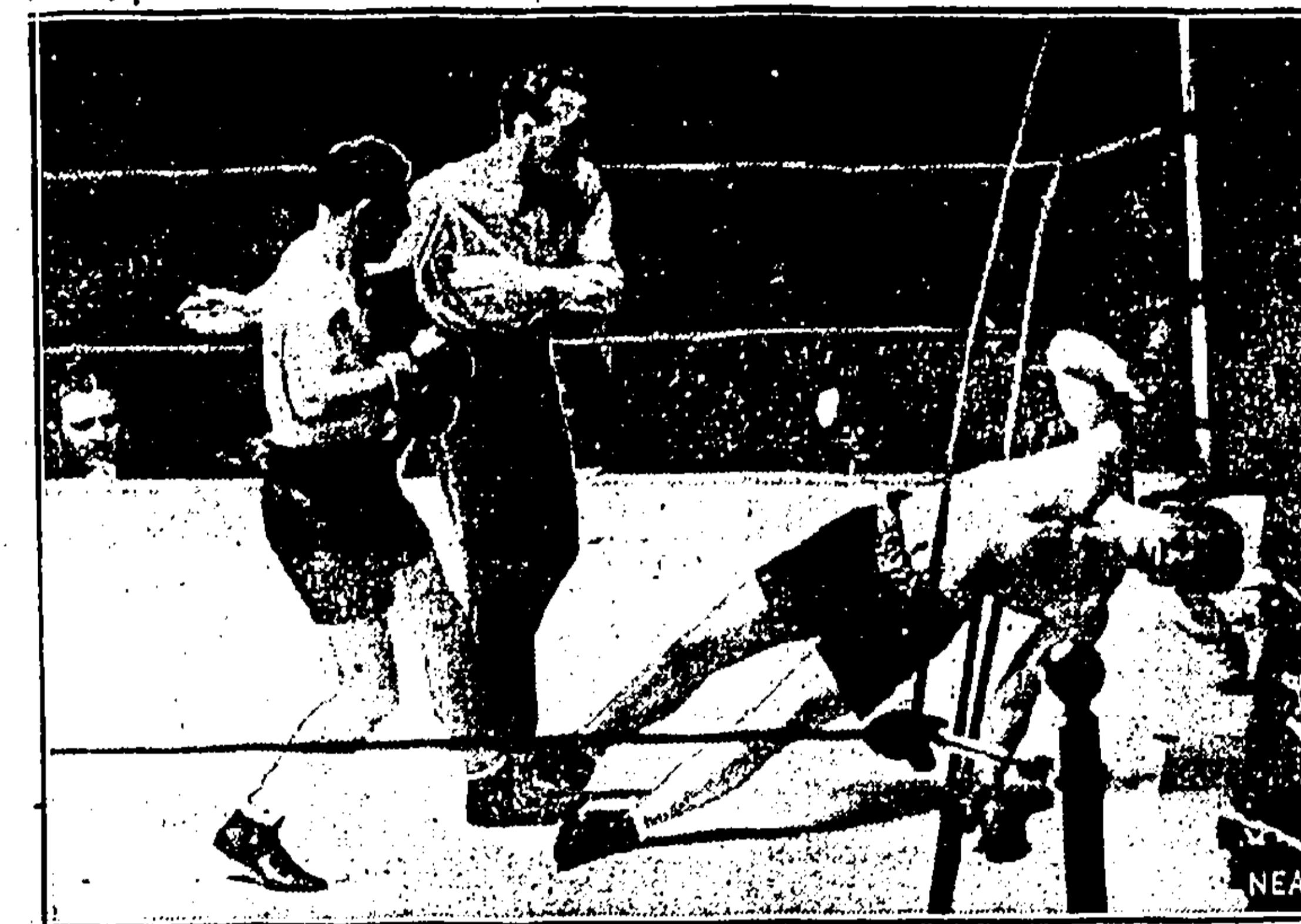
The crack rum-runner Shanalian, of British registry, alongside the coastguarder which surprised and caught her after a thrilling chase.



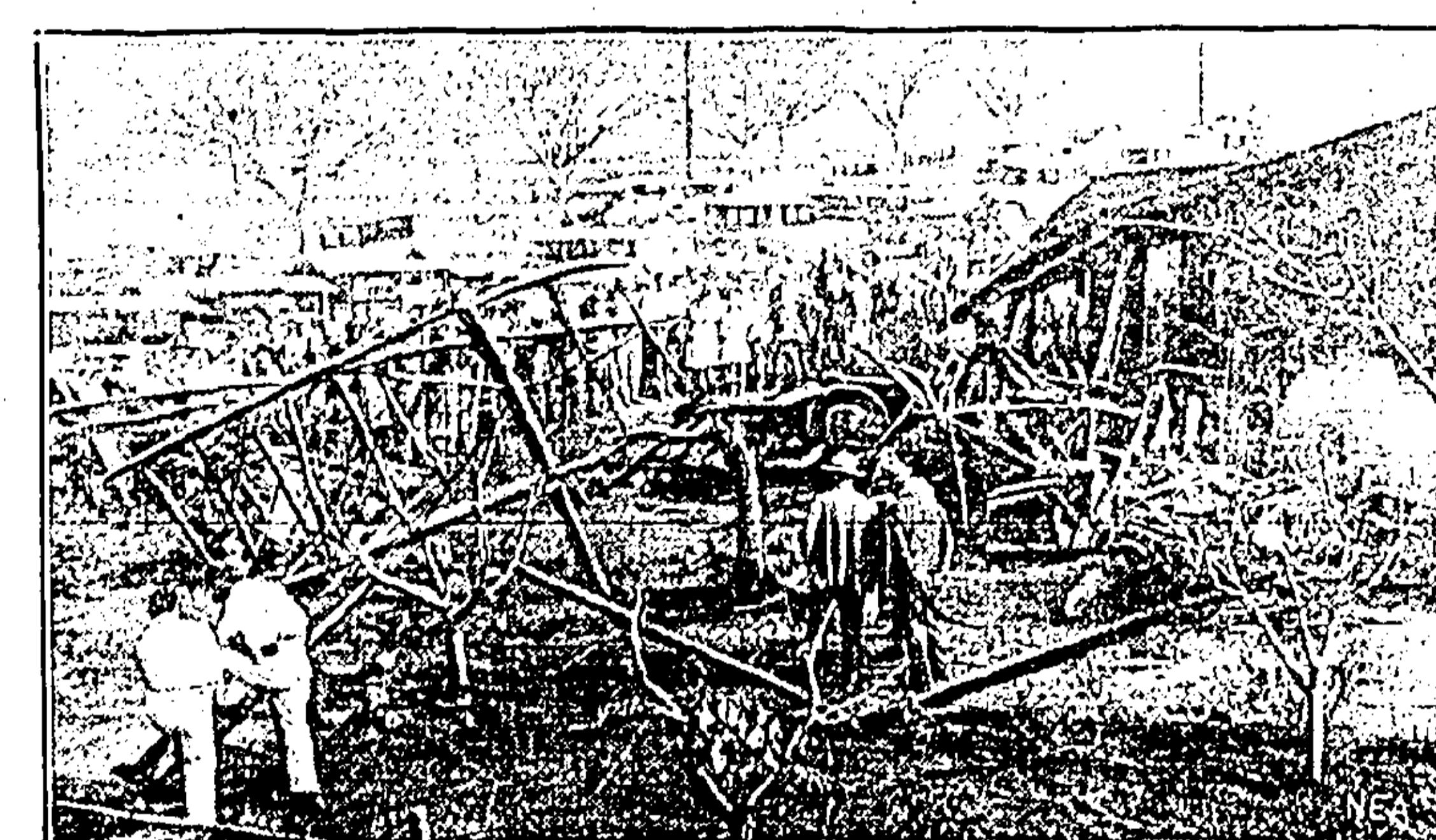
A rather blurred picture taken at Mishimi, showing the devastation caused by the recent earthquake disaster, in which 250 persons lost their lives.



During the attempted revolution, Spanish rebels proclaimed Alcalá Zamora, former cabinet minister, "President of the Republic." Zamora is shown above, urging the overthrow of the monarchy.



This must be one of the strangest positions ever adopted involuntarily by a boxer. The man awry is Ralph Piscicello, and he was placed so by Mateo Osa, of Spain.



The wreckage of a great tri-motored passenger plane which crashed at Los Angeles recently and was destroyed by fire. There were three occupants at the time of the mishap but they had miraculous escapes. Photo shows the remains after the fire had been extinguished.



John Barrymore, his wife, formerly Dolores Costello, and the latest addition to the family, Dolores Ethel. Photo was taken aboard their yacht.



Somewhere beneath this coating of ice and snow is the fishing smack Wandoror after a trip to the North Atlantic. Looks like a "cold dock" with King Frost holding all the cards.



Mounted police pursuing trouble-makers through the streets of Madrid during the recent revolt. Borodoguer suppressed the outbreak with ease but there is evidence that Spain is ready to flare up again at any time.

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WEEK-END GOLFING RESULTS.

DODWELL & CO. WIN FINAL OF G. M. YOUNG CUP.

The final of the G. M. Young Cup was played off at Funling between Messrs. Dodwell and Co. and the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, the former firm winning by seven points to three. They took five of the six singles and one fourball, losing one single and one fourball, and halving one fourball.

Governor's Shield.

In the Governor's Shield semi-final the following were the results: Royal Artillery beat Education Department by one hole, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank beat the Government Medical Department by two up and one to play.

Junior Championship.

The second round of the Junior Championship resulted as follows: D. G. Robbie beat B. Evans (3 and 2), E. D. Matthews beat H. Hampton (at the twentieth hole), C. B. Maturin beat D. S. Edward (2 and 1), O. Enger beat A. Ritchie (one up).

Felix Ellis Cup.

In the Felix Ellis Cup for January there were only eleven entries, and the competition for the month was therefore cancelled.

Adamson Cup.

The semi-finals of the Adamson Cup (Junior Section) resulted as follows: A. E. Clarke beat R. Wallace, and I. E. Longbottom beat A. D. Fraser.

KOWLOON G. C.

Single Members Defeat the Married Men.

The match between the married men and the single men of the Kowloon Golf Club was played off on Saturday afternoon for a cup presented by Dr. J. E. H. Cogan. The bachelors won the first annual match by four points. The scores were:

SINGLES.

"Married."

F. E. Remedon	1/2
A. A. Lopez (3)	0
D. C. Wilson (3)	1
A. W. da Roza (3)	0
J. McKnight (4)	0
J. S. Smith (15)	0
J. Cameron (10)	0
W. Orchard (15)	0
A. T. Briley (8)	0
E. D. da Roza (3)	1
Total	4

"Single."

J. Mackintosh (4)	1/2
J. Russell (6)	0
A. Ringshaw (13)	0
W. M. Groves (10)	0
E. O. Murphy (12)	1
T. Seddon (13)	1
H. T. Buxton (12)	0
P. W. J. Planner (11)	1
Dr. Cogan (2)	0
Total	6

FOURSOMES.

"Married."

Remedon & A. W. da Roza	2
Lopes & Wilson (3)	0
Smith & Cameron (3)	0
McKnight & Orchard (3)	1
Briley & E. D. da Roza (3)	1
Total	4

"Single."

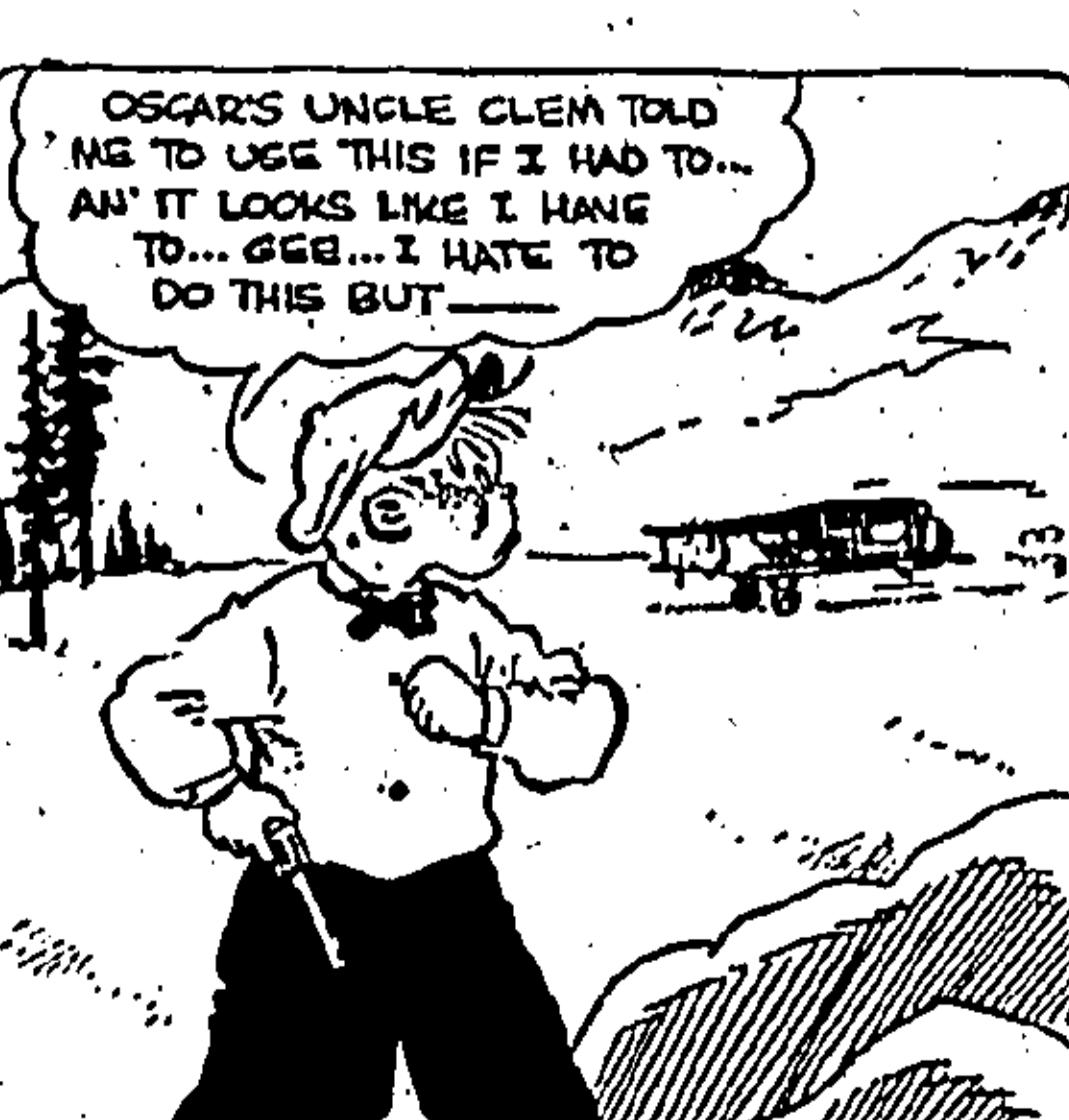
Mackintosh & Groves	0
Russell & Ringshaw (2)	2
Seddon & Buxton (2)	2
Murphy & Planner (1)	1
Hillier & Cogan (1)	1
Total	6

Captain's Cup.

The following are the results of the matches played to date in the first round of the Captain's Cup of the Kowloon Golf Club: P. W. J. Planner beat E. Q. Murphy. T. Price beat H. T. Buxton. W. M. Groves beat T. Seddon (3 and 1). A. T. Briley beat W. Woolley. J. MacIntosh and E. D. da Roza ended all square.

Under the auspices of the past and present pupils of the British Schools of the Colony, a Young Folks' Supper Dance has been arranged for Friday, February 20, at the Peninsula Hotel.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



CINEMA NOTES.

EXCITING TALKIE AT QUEEN'S THEATRE.

Mystery dramas have been many on the screen lately, but never one as tense, gripping and romantic as "Men of the North", which takes all the elements of a mystery play and unfolds them in the French Canadian wilds, in gorgeous settings of snow-clad mountains. The new Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, which will open on Thursday at the Queen's Theatre, is one of the unique entertainments of the season.

With Gilbert Roland as the hero, the fiery Louis the Fox and Barbara Leonard as heroine, the picture unfolds a mystery of North-west Mounties as detectives, trailling their man, but the wrong one, in a series of bewilderments. The thrills of ski jumping and dogged races, battles against blizzards, and the lure of the great outdoors form a background, and the fiery romance of the North woods embellishes the plot.

Roland is superb as the French Canadian trapper hero, who, suspecting his adversary, flees to the snows, pursued by mounted police, and wins vindication in a powerful dramatic plot.

Miss Leonard is the millionnaire mine-owner's daughter, played rôle cleverly, and is beautiful to look on.

Splendid work is also contributed by Arnold Korff as the father, Robert Elliott as the police sergeant, George Davis as the comical Corporal Smith, Nella Quirtura as the jealous half-breed girl, and Robert Graves, Jr., as the priest.

For the winners no special mention can be made because they worked as a team, every member doing her share.

The story based on a plot by Willard Mack and was directed by Hal Roach. The scene background of the high Sierras is an impressive setting for the dramatic narrative and remarkable camera work add to the effectiveness of the production.

"Love Comes Along."

Fresh proof that Bebe Daniels has relinquished once and for all the light, farcical comedies in which her athletic prowess was the chief essential, was evidenced last night with the showing of "Love Comes Along," at the Central Theatre.

In this, her second Radio picture, a new Bebe flashes upon the screen. She is neither the lissoom charmer of "Rio Rita" fame, nor the all-American sports girl of earlier productions. She presents an entirely new characterization as "Peggy," an American actress left destitute when her company disbanded on a tropical island.

Without question her portrayal is the most dramatic Bebe has ever given the screen. Not since she appeared with Rudolph Valentino in "Monsieur Beaucaire," has she had an opportunity to display such emotional depth.

There is a charm and sparkle about the picture that captures the audience's fancy from the first moment. Lloyd Hughes in the rôle of a Swagging sailor, makes his debut in audiences as a singer and pleaser with an exceptionally good voice.

A feeling of spontaneity accompanies the songs interspersed throughout the play; at no time do they seem merely injected between lines in the dialogue without apparent reason.

Bebe's voice grows in beauty and range with each succeeding film she makes. When she sings the song "Love Comes Along," straight to her lover at the gay fiesta, and later when it reaches her over the water and brings him back in time to rescue her from the island's dictator, Montague Love, she imbues it with a warmth and appeal that strikes a corresponding note in one's heart.

Ned Sparks furnished excellent comedy, and the direction shows the fine hand of Rupert Julian. It is his first talking picture, and he has made one well worth seeing.

"Romance" at the Queen's.

Greta Garbo, who recently made her talkie debut here in "Anna Christie," reverts to a typical rôle in "Romance," screened in full sound, a commercial feature, a four-day run at the Queen's yesterday. She is shown as carrying on a liaison with a Minister, frail flower of the operatic stage—and has to pay the penalty when romance comes her way and she is forced to forfeit the love of the man on whom her affections are centred, because he was the Minister's best friend.

The many admirers of the celebrated Swedish star will find much in this picture to interest them. It gives a new insight into the depths of dramatic expression of which she is capable. A word must also be said of the general excellence of the production.

CAER CLARK CUP HOCKEY.

HONGKONG LADIES WIN COMFORTABLY.

The Caer Clark Competition, opened to Ladies' Hockey Clubs in the Colony, was started on Saturday afternoon when two matches were played off. The Hongkong Ladies' Hockey Club, holders of the Cup, trounced the girls from the Diocesan School by eight clear goals while the second match resulted in a draw between the ladies of the Club de Recreio and St. Andrew's Club.

The Hongkong Ladies met the Diocesan Girls School at King's Park, and won by eight goals to nil. The D. G. S. girls looked quite small in comparison with their opponents and throughout, it could be seen that their lack of inches and speed was a great handicap.

Although the school girls lost by such a large margin, great credit is due to them if only on account of their fighting spirit. They fought right to the very end and have every reason to be proud of their gallant display against old and experienced opponents. A. Mogra in goal cannot be blamed for the defeat and during the course of the game she saved innumerable shots. M. Mason was untiring in her efforts both in defence and attack.

For the winners no special mention can be made because they worked as a team, every member doing her share. The half-backs and forwards worked with an understanding and kept positions well and never gave the opposing defence a chance to settle down. The backs had comparatively nothing to do and the goalkeeper had a restful afternoon.

The teams were:

Hongkong:—J. Smalley; E. Gray, B. V. Franklin; E. O'Hagan, E. Bonnar, M. L. Wallace; E. R. Bell, N. McNeille, I. M. Donelan, C. M. Ferguson and M. Bishop.

D.G.S.:—A. Mogra; E. Wood, I. Lee; L. Jorge, Miss M. Munro, S. Wong; A. Chan, D. Fenton, G. White, N. Barker and E. Ray.

Recreio v. St. Andrew's.

The Ladies of St. Andrew's Club did well to share the points in their opening match against the Club de Recreio Ladies' Section. The Portuguese team were playing with better combination but found the defence of their opponents equal to all their attacks.

St. Andrew's Club were the first to score as a result of a solo effort by M. Woolley but L. Silva-Netto soon equalised. At half time the score was one all while the second half was

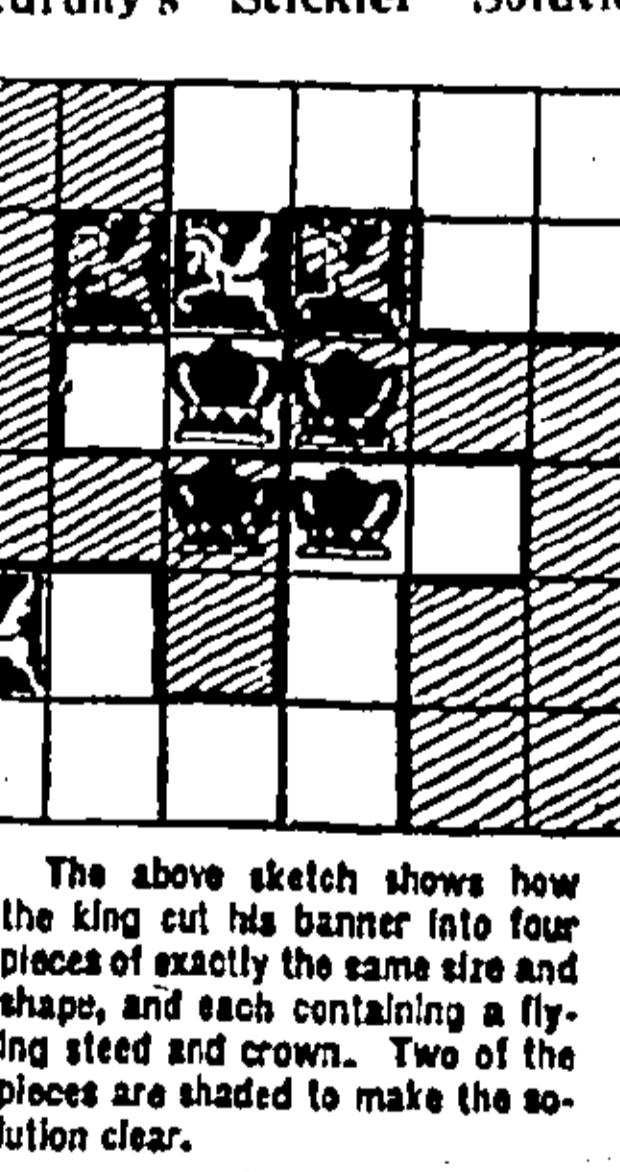
without question her portrayal is the most dramatic Bebe has ever given the screen. Not since she appeared with Rudolph Valentino in "Monsieur Beaucaire," has she had an opportunity to display such emotional depth.

On the day's play the St. Andrew's Club were lucky. They have some very clever players but lack combination. Their defence is quite strong and but for some smart work by P. Woolley and I. Rogers the Recreio ladies would have met with more success. The Portuguese team showed a marked improvement on their play of last year and gave a much more finished performance. They had the better of the game but were unable to score the winning goal.

Other Matches.

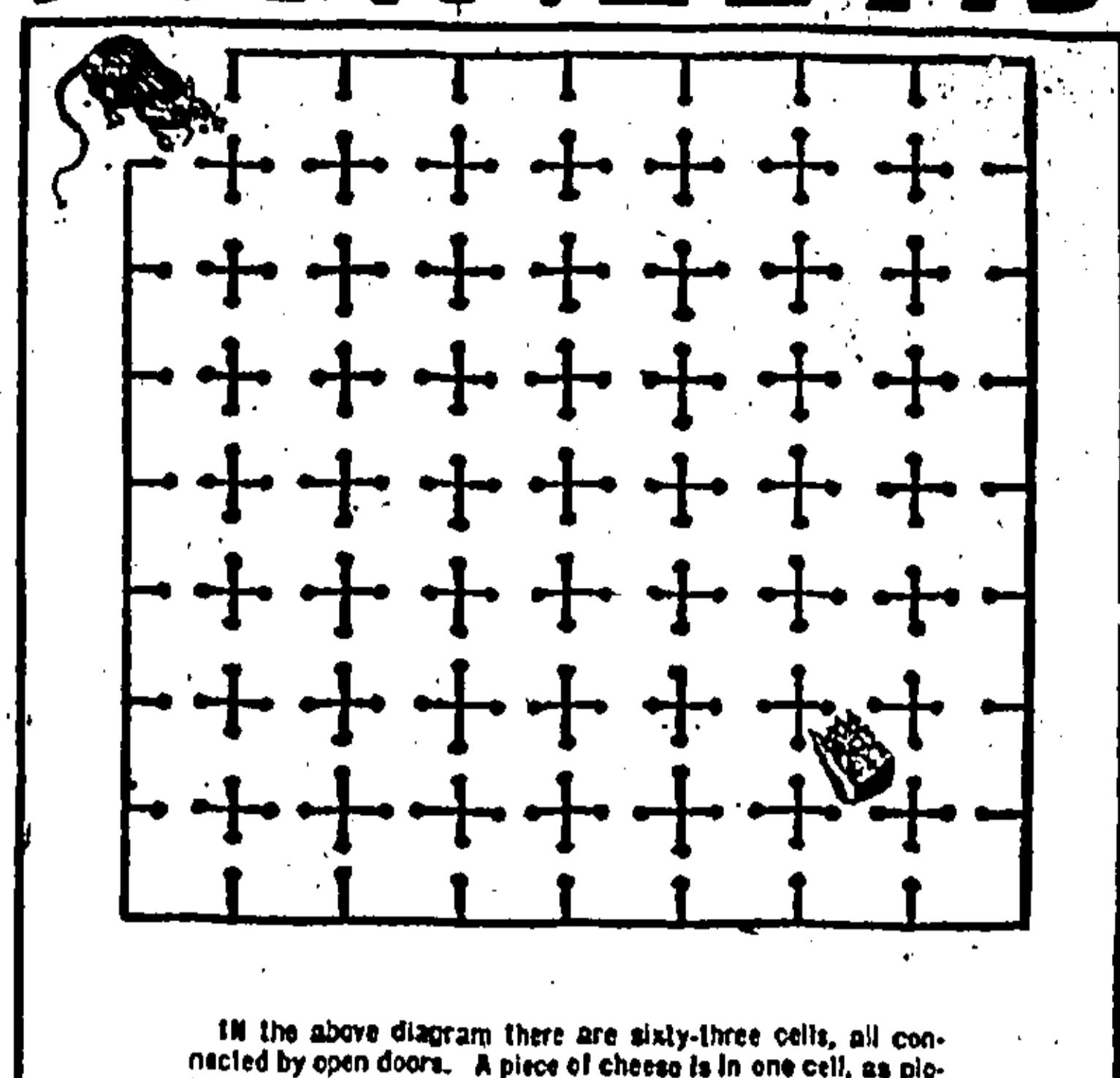
In a fast and interesting game at King's Park the hockey team of H.M.S. Tamar beat the Y.M.C.A. by five goals to three. For the sailors Lieut. Com. Surtees (2) M. Hingood (2) and M. Feltham were the scorers while W. J. Brown scored the three goals for the Y.M.C.A.

Saturday's "Stickler" Solution.



The above sketch shows how the king cut his banner into four pieces of exactly the same size and shape, and each containing a flying stork and crown. Two of the pieces are shaded to make the solution clear.

STICKLERS



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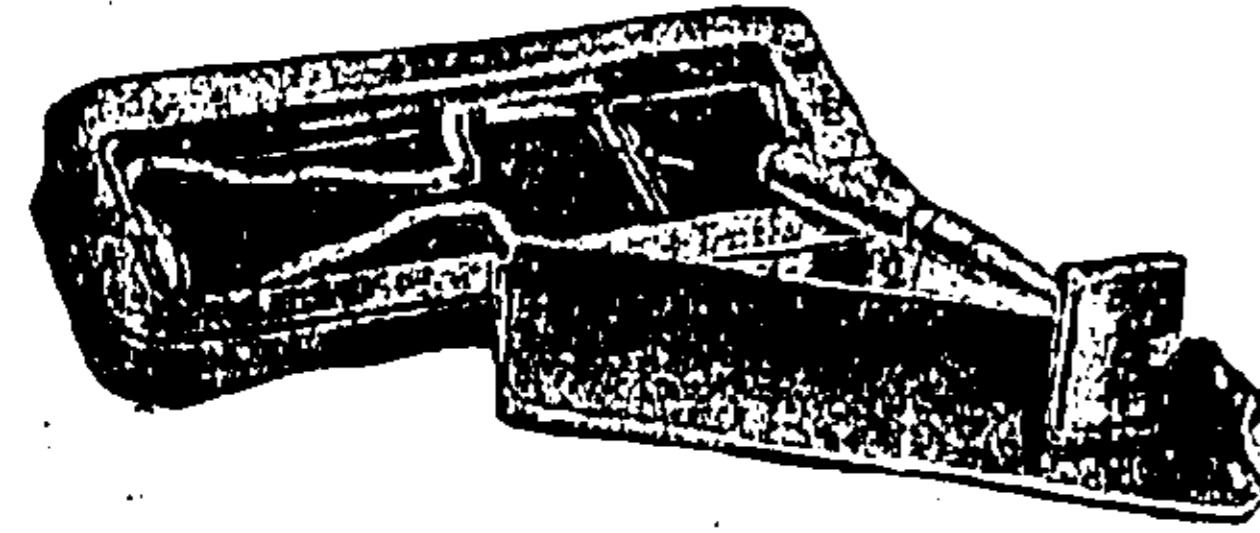
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SOME PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT.

Viscount Cecil still labours unceasingly for world disarmament, refusing to be disengaged by any diversity of opinion on the practical aspects of the question. He would, however, probably be the first to admit that this is a matter in which if definite action is not taken in the near future, the danger of a new world war will continue to loom up on the horizon. Not that any nation in particular is anxious to start a new conflict, but the will for peace must be encouraged if tendencies are not to take the opposite direction. This is why he is so keen on arousing public opinion along pacific lines. It is not enough that nations should formally foreswear war as an instrument of national policy; the desire of the peoples of the world for no more armed conflicts must be reinforced by definite disarmament measures.

Unhappily, the relics of the Great War are still left us, and in this connexion it is well to take note of the fact that there is a very considerable body of opinion in Germany which thinks that there is injustice in the fact that whilst the limits of German disarmament are exactly determined and defined, the experts of other countries meeting in council on the question of their own disarmament, emphasise the difficulties of such limitation. A feeling of resentment is thus raised, and this in turn arouses a national spirit which is most feared by the sincere pacifist section in Germany. One German writer points out that it was France, and not Germany, which was the author of the dictum that it was not enough to compare the existing armaments of nations, but that their potential fighting strength must also be compared. He points out that if by potential strength is meant the possibility of waging war at all, then there is no possibility of limitation. In support of this statement it is pointed out that England and America have furnished proof that in a prolonged war even those countries which are totally unprepared, or inadequately prepared, are capable of prodigious achievements in the provision of men and material.

All the soloists were in fine voice. Especially good was Desmond White, the boy soprano, whose rendering of "Killarney" was altogether satisfying. Ernest McKinley sang with much taste, his Maori Song being loudly applauded; Robert Scott excelled by the artistic presentation of his solo; Wilfrid Thomas gained fine honours, his fine baritone voice being well suited to his numbers, of which "The Floral Dance," sung by request, was a veritable triumph; whilst James Barber, one of the finest bassos ever heard in Hongkong, had a great reception, being doubly encored for his impressive contributions. All in all, it was an evening which will long be remembered.

DAY BY DAY

WHILST SHAME KEEPS ITS WATCH,
VIRTUE IS NOT WHOLLY EXTINGUISHED
FROM THE HEART.—Burke.

There will be a whist drive in St. John's Cathedral Hall at 8.45 p.m. to-night.

The P. and O. s.s. Kidderpore, from Shanghai, is due here at 10 a.m. on Wednesday.

Lady Peel is to distribute the prizes at the French Convent School on the 12th instant at 4 p.m.

Mr. Fung Ping-shan is to distribute the prizes at the Government Vernacular Middle School on Friday morning.

Mr. Siow Choon-leng, Director of the Health Service Intelligence Bureau of China, arrived here from Manila by the s.s. President Taft.

The s.s. Tanda left Manila for Hongkong yesterday afternoon with the outward Australian Mails, and is due here on the 4th instant.

Among the passengers arriving here from Manila by the s.s. President Taft was Major General G. H. Harries, U. S. Army, accompanied by his wife.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Joseph Chan, 7, Kal Yee Road, Kowloon City, to Miss Alice Sahmet, No. 746, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

At the Rotary Club meeting at Lane Crawford's restaurant tomorrow (Tuesday), the speaker will be Sir Thomas Allen, of the British Economic Mission.

Passengers who left by the P. and O. liner Comorin included Sir Meyer Hewlett, Cap., and Mrs. V. Mc. Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Glanville and Mr. and Mrs. S. Perry.

Whilst rowing a passenger boat with his wife off West Point, the master accidentally fell overboard and has not been seen since. A report of the incident has been made to the police by the widow Ng Ah-bo.

Local residents returning from Manila by the s.s. President Taft to-day included Mr. and Mrs. D. Burlingham, Mr. and Mrs. J. Harrop, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hillyer, Mr. W. H. Bell, and Mr. W. A. Butterfield.

Charged before Mr. Butters, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, with having robbed their master, Chan Sam, of 56, Peking Road, of seven pieces of timber, Tsang Ping and Lam Sung, were each fined \$10 or two weeks' imprisonment.

Hongkong estate to the value of \$91,200 was left by Chan Tsz-hang, alias Chan Kung-kun, who died at No. 20, Pokfulam Road, on October 17, 1930. Probate has been granted to the widow, Chan Chu-shi, and Chan Man-chung and Chan Mang-kwan. The will contains family bequests.

H. M. S. Suffolk will sail from Shanghai on February 8 to meet Vice-Admiral Sir William Archer Howard Kelly, successor to Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Waistell as Commander-in-Chief of the China Squadron at Hongkong. The new Commander-in-Chief left England early in January on his way East.



"You'd better go ahead and eat, Martha. I may not be home for another hour. They're still on their second course."

BENNACHIE on SPEAKING IN PUBLIC.

ONE might be tempted to draw a distinction between the art of public speaking and the art of speaking in public. They are, of course, the same in essentials; but it is given to few speakers to rise to the heights, to sway men and even nations by their words. These men, we would say, have mastered the art of public speaking.

But there is equally and on a minor scale an art of speaking in public.

It is curious that most people feel a great shrinking from allowing their voices to be heard in public speech. A woman may sing quite calmly before an audience of hundreds, and be tongue-tied when she has to propose a vote of thanks before a few people. A man may be the last person with whom we would associate him, yet the prospect of an after-dinner speech is sufficient to spoil his whole evening.

Yet the art of speaking in public is not very difficult to acquire, and once the initial nervousness has passed, a speech should be a pleasant prospect rather than a dreaded ordeal.

Terrifying Faces!

The first and most golden rule is—Be natural. Easily said, less easily done! Why is it that the sight of so many faces turned towards the speaker seems to paralyse his vocal powers, and gives his voice such an intonation that he has great difficulty in recognising it as his own? "Nerves," of course, we would answer—a nervousness caused by the ordeal that lies ahead.

But look at things in this way. Everyone, more or less, has the gift of speech, and can tell his experiences. Suppose you have had an exciting experience to-day, or have seen something amusing, or wish to relate a good story. You are in a room with a friend and have no difficulty in retelling your experience. And if another friend enters, then a third, then a fourth, you are still free from any embarrassment. Now suppose you get up on a chair or footstool to tell your story—there you have crossed the almost invisible borderline between conversation and speaking in public.

And so let us think of speaking in public along this line—of dignified conversation; a monologue, if you will, with various adaptions and modifications to suit the circumstances—yet essentially one man telling a few more men what he thinks, what he feels, what he has heard.

The Platform Voice.

With this in view, we can easily see the importance of the rule: "Be natural!" Many speakers indulge in that weird monstrosity, a "platform voice," under the delusion that it arouses respect and admiration. And if they used it with their friends they would unhesitatingly put down as concealed assets. Never mind though your voice betray the soft lilt of the Highlands, or the soothing broadness of Aberdeenshire; or the sing-song of the Glaswegian; it is your tongue, and you have a right to it. But a veneer of Oxford, or even the more local "Kimmie Bank," is an abomination to all sincere minds. It deceives nobody. Moreover, it is a veneer which will easily crack.

But this is far from being the case. The short pause is a breathing space, allows an idea to sink in, and what is perhaps most important of all, arrests attention which may be flagging and keys it up anew. Once some experience has been gained it is the easiest thing in the world to keep one's finger on the pulse of an audience, to sense when their interest is flagging, to renew it by some little artifice, to gauge to a nice length to which a pause may continue without becoming tedious, and to break it again at the psychological moment.

Beginnings and Endings.

Little can be said here with profit on the matter of the inflection of the voice. Much could be said, but experience is the best teacher, and to work by any rule of thumb method is merely to invite flat, bear-bean, insincerity. Finally, it is worth while to spend time in securing a good beginning and a good ending. The first allows the speaker to get into his stride, and allays that nervousness at the start which may play havoc with the whole of a speech. And it is impossible to over-estimate the value of a concise and rounded order. We might add, too, the advice of the late Sir Wilfrid Lawson—"Obtain a good beginning and a good ending, and bring them together as possible."

There is no royal road to public speaking. Experience, bought by failure and blunders and stammering, is ten times more useful than theory. These few hints certainly should prove helpful if carried into practice, but they should merely be the prelude to what a old master of mine would call "getting up on your hind legs."

JANE CARLYLE'S HOUSEKEEPING.

JANE CARLYLE would have rejoiced at the present drop in the cost of living, for seventy-five years ago she was having sleepless nights wondering how to make both ends meet when her annual expenditure was up \$30, and her allowance from Thomas remained the same.

It may interest modern housewives to see what caused the weekly increase of 11s. for it was not due to any sudden extravagance of Jane's, who was a wonderful manager, and needed a far smaller allowance than other wives having to keep up the same position. It is the old story of "Morn mickle's mak' a muchie," for (Continued on Page 7)

CANTON AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

EXCELLENT PRODUCTION OF "INTERFERENCE."

Shamian, Jan. 31.
The Canton Amateur Theatrical Society presented "Interference," a play in three acts by Roland Pertwee and Harold Dearden, at the Canton Club Theatre on Thursday and Friday. The cast was as follows:—Sir John Marley, H. Geary Gardner; Douglas Helder (of the United Press), Benjamin Brind; Philip Voaze, G. M. D. Wolf; Chilvers (a manservant), H. L. F. Ewin; Fred (a hall porter), H. L. F. Ewin; Doctor Putlock (Metropolitan Police Surgeon), V. Stapleton-Cotton; Inspector Haines (Metropolitan Police), D. Stanby; Joseph Craghurst (journalist), R. L. Lancaster; Faith Marley (Sir John Marley's wife), Gertrude G. Phillips; Barbara (Sir John Marley's niece), Edna M. Crickshank; Deborah Kane, Una Hill; Mrs. Barrie (Deborah's maid), Doris Bramble; Mrs. Florence Rooke (Sir John's sister), Doris Bramwell.

The play, which was produced by William Galloway, was undoubtedly one of the C.A.T.S. most successful productions. H. Geary Gardner in the role of Sir John Marley, whose diction and deportment showed him to be a finished actor, was the outstanding character. Gertrude G. Phillips was delightful in the difficult part of Faith Marley, while Una Hill as Deborah Kane completely held her audience, especially in her more dramatic passages. G. M. D. Wolf as Philip Voaze gave evidence of considerable histrionic ability in not overacting a very difficult part, while Doris Bramble cleverly introduced a pleasing note of comedy as Mrs. Barrie, being equally appreciated in her dual role as the exacting Mrs. Rooke. H. L. F. Ewin, who also played a dual role as the stately butler and the rather down-at-heel porter, was equally at home in both characters, while V. Stapleton-Cotton as the breezy Doctor Putlock, cleverly added a note of lighter vein as a leaven to the sordidness of Act 2. D. Stanby as Inspector Haines was typical of his part, while Edna Crickshank was a very pleasing Barbara. Benjamin Brind as Douglas Helder was undoubtedly good, and the same may be said of R. L. Lancaster as Joseph Craghurst.

The scenery was most tastefully chosen and artistically arranged, the scenic effects were well carried out, the electric light effects in Act 2, being most realistic. The audience enthusiastically demonstrated their appreciation, and at the final curtain called for the producer, who, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the audience for their support, the cast for their loyal co-operation and the unseen helpers who had contributed so much toward the success of the play. The artists were the recipients of many beautiful bouquets and presents.—*Our Own Correspondent*.

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RESTRAINT ON GOLD BAR GAMBLING.

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ledge of small dimensions operating in Kuklong Road, and if it is the elimination of this section that the Government has in mind it will not be acting without justification.

Mr. Kung on Silver Loan.

Nanking, Jan. 28.

Considerable significance is being attached to the view held by Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Industries, on the much-discussed American silver loan to China. In view of the controversy over this issue.

Interviewed by press representatives here-to-day, Dr. Kung said he was in favour of this loan under certain conditions. For the development of industries and the completion of China's reconstruction programme, the Minister would like a huge loan, preferably from America, to be granted partly in silver bullion and partly in gold credit, the latter to be used exclusively for the purchases of machinery and material for constructive purposes.

"China can make good use of a large quantity of silver to be borrowed and returned in silver," said the Minister of Industries. "With the white metal, we can coin money for circulation for the purpose of buying materials within our country and for payment of constructive labour in the realization of our reconstruction programme, to avoid the dumping of the silver on the world market and further depreciating its value. The circulation of the borrowed silver should be confined within China. This would increase production, give employment to the people and increase the purchasing power of the great masses."

Credit for Purchases.

"While the silver loan," continued Dr. Kung, "will benefit the people within the country if the silver is actually distributed in China, as a measure to reciprocate the friendly act of the lending power, China should buy abroad, but not with silver as it would tend to depreciate the silver rate further. So a gold loan in credit alone should be given to China at the same time, to supplement the silver one. This will enable us to buy machinery and raw materials necessary for our industrial revival and help solve the unemployment question abroad. Under this arrangement, I believe, the loan will be of mutual benefit to China, with her great potential resources, could increase her production, absorb the over-production now menacing the whole economic world and relieve the general business depression throughout the world."

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"Given such a financial scheme of helpfulness," Dr. Kung concluded, "I believe a peaceful, prosperous and internationally trading China would come into being and contribute her share to the general relief of the commercial depression among the nations of the world."—*Reuter*.

SUGAR MARKET.

THE LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS.

The following cable at the close of the sugar markets on Saturday has been received by Messrs. Pentreath and Co.

London Terminals.

March 5/8 down ½d.
May 5/11½ down ½d.
August 6/9½ down ½d.
December 6/6½ down ½d.

Buyers at above prices, sellers asking ½d more.

New York Terminals.

March 1/27 up 4 pcts.
May 1/34 up 3 pcts.

July 1/41 up 4 pcts.

September 1/49 up 3 pcts.

December 1/57 up 3 pcts.

London (31/1/31).—Important firm Indian operators have bought 100,000 tons Russian Crystal shpt. Feb./Mar./Apr. Particulars not disclosed, understand price 6/6 cft. No further sales to be made to India for shpt. before August. This should relieve some uncertainty recently prevailing. Decree signed restricting Cuban crop 3,122,000 tons, for America 2,677,000 tons.

New York (31/1/31).—Decline caused by increased offerings and March "Futures" Liquidation. Cuban crop announced 3,122,000 U.S. quote 2,677,000. Consider figures bullish but owing to continued undefined International situation, substantial improvement may be delayed until late spring.

Liverpool (31/1/31).—Reason of decline sugar cheap but trade sells, and disappointment nothing definite re Chadbourne scheme yet, although Chadbourne himself optimistic.

MACAO WEEK BY WEEK.

CABARET SHORTLY TO BE OPENED.

Macao, Feb. 1.

It is with mixed feelings that the public of Macao have received the news of the forthcoming opening of a cabaret at Macao. The dance hall is being set up on the top floors of the Grand Central Hotel, and work is proceeding actively. The cabaret is part of a scheme to use the top stories of this building (the old President Hotel) as a pleasure garden, with provision not only for dancing but also for various forms of entertainment, and a high class restaurant, and, so it is rumoured, certain games of chance for the fastidious players who desire something more attractive than the houses that have hitherto provided the only means of entertainment for those wishing to indulge in a little flutter to tempt the gods of chance.

On Saturday, Jan. 24, Mr. F. de Senna Fernandes Rodrigues, recently appointed Vice-Consul for Italy at Macao, entertained His Excellency Dr. Jono de Magaehas, Officer Administering the Government, and many other guests on the occasion of the opening of the Italian Vice-Consulate at Macao, at his residence.

Mainly through the efforts of the Committee of the Sociedade Uniao Recreativa, interest is being maintained in football, and to achieve this purpose, football teams from Hongkong have been invited to Macao from time to time to meet the team of the Sociedade. On Sunday, Feb. 1, a team representing the China Athletic Association is expected to meet the Macao team and a keen contest is expected.

The Carnival festivities at Macao are always the occasion for much jollification, and arrangements are being made to make the friendly act of the lending power, China should buy abroad, but not with silver as it would tend to depreciate the silver rate further. So a gold loan in credit alone should be given to China at the same time, to supplement the silver one. This will enable us to buy machinery and raw materials necessary for our industrial revival and help solve the unemployment question abroad. Under this arrangement, I believe, the loan will be of mutual benefit to China, with her great potential resources, could increase her production, absorb the over-production now menacing the whole economic world and relieve the general business depression throughout the world.

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SPEAKING IN PUBLIC.

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penny on to this and a penny added to that to make pounds in the course of a year.

Her bread bill, which had formerly amounted to 2s. 6d. a week, was now 4s. This was the year of bread riots in London and Liverpool, remember, for, owing to the Crimean War, which was then waging, the Russians had forbidden the export of wheat to Britain, and we had to depend on home supplies.

Butter, of which she used 2½ lb. a week, had risen 2d. per lb. and butcher meat was 1½d. a lb. dearer. Though they used only ½ lb. (including bones) daily, for three people, it made a difference of over £3 a year!

She burned 12 tons of coal a year, and even though she had bought from the cheapest coal merchant she could find, she had to pay 2s. 6d. a ton, instead of 2s. Some women who bought from the first man who came were paying 5s., a ton.

A pound of candles lasted them only three days. Jane said it was because Thomas sat up so late, but, curiously enough, in a letter written by him describing their shadowless lamp, which burned a large wax candle, he says, "The lamp is a device of Jane's, who loves light passionately—a most innocent passion." These candles had risen from 8d. to 10d. a lb., and tallow "dips," of which she used two pounds in a fortnight, had increased in price from 4d. to 8d.

Bacon and soap had both gone up 2d. a lb., and potatoes, from being three pounds for 2d., were now 1d. a lb. As they ate 1½ lb. of these a day, potatoes alone now cost 1s. a year more.

In 1852 Carlyle had had gas introduced for the front door lamp, and the gas bill was 1s. a year more than under the old method of lighting: water from the waterworks had been laid on that year also—but, though 14 years later Jane was still using the pump in the garden, and this cost 3s. a year.

They had spent over £600 in improvements during the twelve years they had been in the house, with the result that they were charged 10s. extra on the rates.

The poor rate was 2s., a year more, and Income-tax was now 2s. 1d. Instead of 2s., 1s., 4d. Their taxes now amounted to 2s. 9d., 4d., and the rent of the house was 5s. a year.

The final blow was that their new servant was paid 5s. a year more than her predecessor, for she actually received the sum of 1s. 6d. a year and her keep, which included, extravagance of extravagances, a meat dinner at one o'clock.

Helen McGregor.

WANCHAI SHOOTING INCIDENT.

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But by this time, you had agreed to leave her?—Yes. She seemed to be quite satisfied with the arrangement.

Husband in Colony.

Mr. Hodgson (cross-examining):—Mr. Manton, I think that when you first took this lady to live with you, she was then living with her husband?—No.

Did she leave her husband?—I was given to understand that she had been living with him for quite a number of years.

Do you know whether he is still in the Colony?—Yes.

The Magistrate:—Her husband is still living in the Colony?

Manton:—She tells me so herself. I have never met him.

Mr. Hodgson:—During your time with this woman, have your two lives been tolerably happy?

Manton:—Tolerably happy, except that I have had to continually scold her for neglecting the house and going out gambling.

Was that one of the reasons for your eventually deciding to part from her?—That was one of the reasons.

Seemed Fond of Him.

I think she was fond of you?—She seemed to be fond of me.

When did you first broach the subject of your parting with her?—The first six months of our living together.

The Magistrate:—You first broached the question of your parting during the first six months of your living together?

Manton:—Yes.

Mr. Hodgson:—At other times have you since then mentioned this matter to her?

Manton:—At least once in every three months.

And the fact that she stayed with you all the time was due to her entreaties not to leave her?—Yes. And every time it was on the condition that she knocked off gambling and looked after the house in a proper manner.

Until you finally gave her to understand that you really intended to leave her?—Yes.

The Magistrate:—When was that?—Between the December 2 and 4.

Mr. Hodgson:—Between the 2nd and 4th of December and the 27th December, the date of the shooting. I suppose you had several conversations with her about the matter?—One only; that was on the night of December 5.

Allowance and Furniture.

But I think you offered her \$50 per month and part of the furniture after you made arrangements to leave her?—Yes, \$50 and whatever of my furniture she required.

I think that latterly when she knew you were leaving she was somewhat upset?—She was not so bright as she was before.

The Magistrate:—Did she appear to you as if she were brooding over the matter?

Manton:—She may have been brooding over it. She was not so bright as before; she kept her house closed, sir.

Mr. Hodgson:—You had, during your life with her, been very good to her I think?

Manton:—Yes.

No Previous Threats.

I think you can safely say that you know no reason why she should shoot you and do you any harm?—Never.

Have you ever suspected she might do you any harm?—Never.

Can you say during your lives together, any real quarrel or tiff other than a married couple usually have?—No.

You said that the accused, when you turned around and saw her was backing away in a crouching position, holding this revolver in her left hand. Was there any expression on her face that you can judge to be an expression of horror, surprise or fright?—I cannot say so.

Why I asked you this is, because you were the only man in that room who can tell us what the real position was. My defense in this case, I may tell you, is one of accident; that is to say she had no intention whatever of shooting you, and that the possession of the gun and the use she intended to make of it was to kill herself in front of you when you were in the room. Bearing that in mind, can you tell us whether there was any expression on her face you can carry back to mind to say she was horrified in hitting you?—I cannot say.

Witness added that he made a dive for the gun because he thought she might shoot herself or him again.

Mr. Hodgson:—When you were sitting down at your meal were you leaning forward?—was sitting forward.

You are a fairly tall man sitting down aren't you?—Yes.

Witness explained that his chair had two bars down the back, and he indicated where the first two shots hit him in the shoulder.

Helen McGregor.

SENSATIONAL TRIAL.

OWNER OF THE "BLAZING MOTOR CAR" CONVICTED.

London, Feb. 1.

The sensational "blazing motor car trial" before the Northampton Assizes in which Alfred Arthur Rouse is charged with murdering an unknown man, whose remains were discovered in the burnt wreckage of Rouse's motor car on November 6 last and still remain unidentified, has resulted in a verdict of guilty. The convicted man has been sentenced to death.—*Reuter*.

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CHINESE WIN LAI WAH CUP.

FAILURE OF CIVILIAN DEFENCE.

A. GOSANO KEEPS THE GAME INTERESTING.

TEAMWORK TRIUMPHS.

(BY "WANDERER.")

Chinese Civilians

It would be difficult to describe this exceedingly thrilling game adequately without the employment of much that would appear to be paradox. The Chinese at their best met the Civilians at their worst, yet it was not until Suen Kam-chun netted the fourth goal that they had the game completely in their grasp. The Chinese were masterly, superior in every department, yet there was always something about the Civilians giving the impression that they might stage a dramatic recovery. Chiefly, I suppose, this was due to the gallant efforts of A. V. Gosano, who, despite the absence of a workable understanding among his colleagues, again and again raised excitement by brilliant movements. Had his brother responded to the inspiration, the unexpected might have happened, but the winger who was placed in possession repeatedly with the half-back beaten and the back right out of position, made absurd errors of judgment and failed to give A. V. the opportunities for which he was asking.

When one realises how much really depended on the Gosano brothers, the failure of the Civilian attack to function properly was hardly surprising. Pile on the left wing, in right-footed, and could do little. Rocha was energetic, but impetuous to a fault, and Segalen, while feeding cleverly, could not keep up in the second half.

Defence Weaknesses.

B. Gosano's failure—more in the second half than in the first—completed the discomfiture of a line which could not rely upon support from the half-backs. Hedley at right half, worked like a Trojan. His performance, in all the circumstances, was very near his best of the season, but with the double task of stopping Suen Kam-chun and Ip Pak-wa thrust entirely on his shoulders an early willingness to join in the attack was soon dissipated by the necessities of the situation. Andy Duncan, on the other side, was in similar predicament. Chasing untiringly between the quick-moving and quick-passing right-wing pair, he had little chance of accomplishing much that was useful. Rocha would not go back, and Bishop, like Strange, failed in the first essential of covering his wing half. The fifth member of the defence, Oram, appeared to be thoroughly played out after the first quarter of an hour, contributing very little to defence and but little more to the attack.

Judging the backs, Strange and Bishop, in their personal play as distinct from team-work, Strange appeared to be the better. He was twice applauded for, in my opinion, bad play, in carrying the ball, half the length of the field before parting, but it must be conceded that he tickled well and was fairly effective in his tackling, while Bishop made a poor show in efforts to break up the close passing movements of the Chinese inside trio. There was some excuse, of course. He was upset by an early injury. He could hardly have known what his partner was going to do next, and further, Oram's failure to get back threw a tremendous responsibility upon him.

Of Rodger, it is sufficient to say that the Chinese would have secured a far more pronounced victory but for his splendid work. Chinese Superb.

In winning the Lai Wah Cup for the first time, the Chinese were superb. They were at all times the better team, their half-backs playing the most important part in their success. Lam Yuk-ying was brilliantly effective in both his defensive and constructive work, while Leung Yin-chun and Ho Choy-ying were but slightly his inferior, achieving some remarkable feats by sheer enthusiasm and determination. This was fortunate as the backs, Li Tin-sang and Tom Kong-pak, especially the latter,

LAWN TENNIS MATCH.

ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE BEAT DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

In a lawn tennis match at Stanley on Saturday, members of St. Stephen's College played a team from the Diocesan Boys' School and won by 25 games. The scores were as follows:

Salony and W. N. Cheung (St. Stephen's College) beat T. Y. Chin and K. T. Lui 7-4; beat James and C. F. Lo 7-4; lost to C. H. Chan and I. Singh 6-6.

T. O. Lo and P. H. Leo (St. Stephen's College) beat Chin and Lui 7-4; beat James and Lo 8-3; beat Chan and Singh 7-4.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

The Club 1st XI against H. K. S. R. A. at the Marlowe ground, on Wednesday, at 5 p.m. prompt will win. Gregory J. Rodger, A.R. Botello; S. J. Fox, A.A. Dand, J.E. Noronha; T.J. Price, L.G. Frost, R.W. Skipp, D.B. Evans, G.P. Lamerton.

FANLING HUNT.

It is announced by the Hunt Secretary:

"It is regretted that owing to an outbreak of hysteria in the kennels hunting is suspended until further notice."

They were not always reliable. Both Rocha and A. V. Gosano outwitted them at apparently critical moments, but failed, had luck playing a part, to apply the finishing touches.

Fung King-cheung led the Chinese attack with great skill, and the combination of the line was a model of accuracy. Ip Pak-wa was the better of two strong wingers.

The game was fought out at an amazing speed, the more so that it was kept up for the greater part of the ninety minutes. Fung King-cheung scored the only goal of the first half with a fast high shot from such an acute angle that it is difficult to believe he intended a shot. Five minutes later, Hedley cleared on the goal-line with every other member of the defence beaten, and then Li Wai-koon missed an absolute sitter. At the other end, Gosano missed by inches at each of three attempts.

Penalty Incident.

A penalty for a push during a "corner" scrummage, an offence which did not appear to me to justify severe punishment at all, enabled Gosano to equalise from the spot.

This was soon after the interval, but the Civilian defence grew more erratic instead of better and it became obvious that the Chinese attack was destined to triumph unless Gosano's individual work was sufficient to upset the balance. Li Wai-koon scored two easy goals and just before the end, Suen pushed past Strange and with only Rodger to beat placed the ball nicely into goal.

It appears superfluous to add that the Chinese thoroughly deserved their success. Clark was absent from the Civilian goal owing to an injury, but I don't think that affected the result in any way. The trouble was the lack of connection between the halves and with only Rodger to beat placed the ball nicely into goal.

The concert opened with "an attempt at a love song" by some Morrisonians in the chorus of which the audience gladly joined. Professor Gonzalez then delighted the audience with two finely executed violin solos, which came in for a good round of applause.

Junior League Matches

League matches were limited to the Second and Third Divisions.

The most interesting match decided in a win for the R. A. O. C. over the R. A. F. by the only goal score—late in the game—and there seems little now to prevent the Ordinance Corps from carrying off the Third Division championship.

The Borderers have completed their fixtures with 26 points, the R. A. O. C. are five points behind with five matches to play.

In the Second Division, Eastern, Navy and Borderers, the leaders, added to the total of points.

Second Division.

Arygila 2 South China 1
Athletic 1 Kowloon 1
Borderers 1 R. A. F. 0
Eastern 3 St. Joseph's 1
Navy 5 Club 1
Recreo 0 University 2

Third Division.

Athletic 0 Borderers 2
R. A. F. 0 R. A. O. C. 1
R. Engineers 1 R. A. S. C. 1
South China 6 Ewo 2

FANLING HUNT AND RACE CLUB.

ENTRIES FOR FEBRUARY MEETING.

The following are the entries for the February Meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwantoo on Sunday, the 8th instant:

The Hunter's Hurdle Race (Unofficial), 1½ Miles. For China Ponies certified by the Master of the Dragas having been regularly hunted. Winners since October 1st, 1930, of a hurdle race or steeplechase (barred). The Tally Ho Steeplechase (barred). Weight 188 lbs. Winner: A Cup; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

Bertmann (168), Tig Ching (168), Bright Prospect (168), Charleston (168), Duke of Neuburg (168), Fanling Star (168), Fernleaf (168), Grey Mouse (168), Groombridge (168), Hefty (168), Inshahal (168), Joseph (168), Lemondrop (168), Mac Carew (168), Peking (168), Roarer (168), Sunlach (168), Tigre (168), The Ptarmigan (168).

The Fat Choy Handicap. A Steeplechase of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies that have not won more than one steeplechase since October 1st, 1930. Top Weight not to exceed 188 lbs. Winner: A Cup; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

As you like it (168), Blue boy (168), Christmas Belle (168), Fanling Star (148), Fifty Fifty (168), Montana (168), San Francisco (168), Sergeant Murphy (168), Tarzah (168), The Ptarmigan (168).

The China New Year Handicap. A Hurdle Race of 1½ Miles. For China Ponies. Winner: A Cup; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

Christmas Belle (168), Christmas Frolic (168), Fifty Fifty (168), Gay Caballero (168), Marquis Hall (168), Mike (175), San Francisco (168), Sergeant Murphy (168), Target (168), Young Pretender (168).

The "Volunteers" Winter Cup (Unofficial). A Flat Race of 1 Mile. For China Ponies certified by the O. C. Machine Gun Troop H.K.V.D.C. as "regular" tropon ponies. Winner of the "November Volunteer Cup" barred. Weight 168 lbs. Winner: A Cup; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

Done Again (168), Eclipse Eve (168), Harford (168), Herefore (168), Inshahal (168), Sunning (168), Tarzah (168), Touchwood (168).

The February Maidens. A Steeplechase of 1 Mile. For China Ponies that have never won a steeplechase. Weight per inches as per scale.

Ponies that have started at Kwantoo since October 1st, 1930 allowed 6 lbs.

Winner: \$100. 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

Bright Prospect (147), Christmas Belle (168), Country Club (168), Diana (168), Gay Caballero (168), Marquis Hall (168).

The "Volunteers" Winter Cup (Unofficial). A Flat Race of 1 Mile.

For China Ponies certified by the O. C. Machine Gun Troop H.K.V.D.C. as "regular" tropon ponies. Winner of the "November Volunteer Cup" barred. Weight 168 lbs. Winner: A Cup; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$25. Entrance Fee \$5.

Done Again (168), Eclipse Eve (168), Harford (168), Herefore (168), Inshahal (168), Sunning (168), Tarzah (168), Touchwood (168).

The Club de Recreo proved too strong for the Kowloon C.C. at King's Park and won by four wickets. The visitors were thus seriously checked in their bid for championship honours.

The Kowloon C.C. batted first and were dismissed for 118 runs, the Recreo players replying with 171 for nine wickets.

J. H. Figueredo just reached the half century mark when he was stumped.

In evidence Mr. W. G. Fischer, manager of the local branch of Messrs. Reuter, Broeckelmann & Co., purchased a tin of the Japanese needles for \$2 whereas a tin of "Cock and Hen" needles would cost \$5.50. On the strength of that proceedings were taken and the premises of the three defendants searched.

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CONCERT AND DANCE.

MORRISONIANS PROVIDE A PLEASANT EVENING.

It would be putting it in mild form to say that all who attended the annual concert and dance at Morrison Hall at the University on Saturday evening were thoroughly satisfied with the concert and more than enjoyed the dancing.

The function was one of the most successful held by the Morrisonians and reflects great credit on the organisers. It must have been a great pleasure to them to see it attended by so many. Sir W. H. Hornell, C. I. E., Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University, was among those present.

Evidently the concert was meant to be a fillip to the dance which was to follow, and it served its purpose well in that the gathering was quite in the best of spirits and in that state of gaiety to trip the light fantastic too with unrestrained enthusiasm.

The concert opened with "an attempt at a love song" by some Morrisonians in the chorus of which the audience gladly joined. Professor Gonzalez then delighted the audience with two finely executed violin solos, which came in for a good round of applause.

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Murder At Bridge

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"Umm," Strawn grunted. "What about the proofs you're holding back?"

"Come along, chief—you, too, Carraway!" Dundee answered, and led the way into the bathroom. "I felt sure these rooms would yield a very definite clue, even though Sprague, when he sneaked back-to-night to get his tell-tale bag, apparently made every effort to wipe his fingerprints off the furniture and bathroom fixtures . . . Now, Carraway, if you'll step upon this little stool and look along the top of this medicine cabinet, you'll find what I found—and which I didn't touch."

The fingerprint expert did as he was told. When he stepped down he was holding, between the very tips of his fingers, a safety razor blade.

"Downstairs in the living room, on a little table in the southeast corner of the room, you'll find a little red glass ash tray which no one but Dexter Sprague used all evening. It was clean and empty when I saw him use it first. I think you'll find it all the prints you need."

"So you think Sprague killed her because she was through with him?" Strawn asked.

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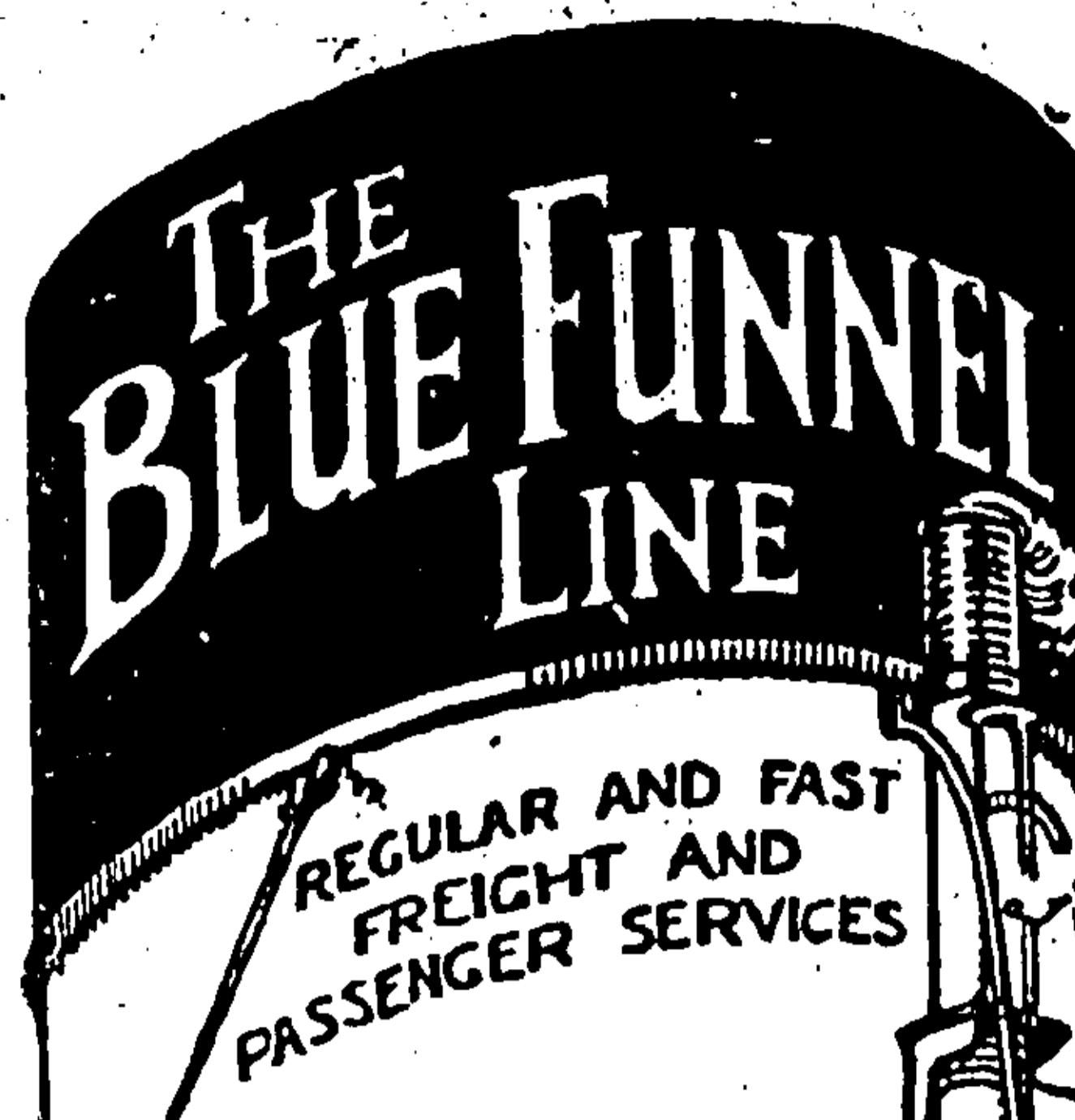
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ST. PETER'S CHURCH MEETING.

PROGRESS SHOWN IN THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The annual meeting of St. Peter's Church was held in No. 7 Police Station, West Point, yesterday afternoon, with the Very Rev. A. Swann in the chair.

After the minutes of the last general meeting had been read and adopted, the Secretary, Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, moved the adoption of the report, which was carried.

The election of four additional members to the Church Council was next proceeded with. In addition to Mr. H. A. Allen (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. Ashton Hill and Miss Atkins, the following were also elected—Mrs. C. B. Shann, Miss R. Mow-fung, Mr. E. S. Cunningham, and Mr. G. S. Ladd.

The following were elected to be representatives to the Diocesan Conference—Miss Mow-fung, Mr. R. A. Hill, Mr. E. S. Cunningham and Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell.

Dr. E. Sun, Mr. H. A. Allen, Mr. W. Allen and Mr. Christian were elected sidesmen for the coming year.

Mr. Hill voiced the cordial sentiments of those present, and of the Church, to Mrs. Griggs, who is leaving the Colony next month. He said that they were all thankful to her for the work she had done for St. Peter's. The vote was carried with acclamation.

After a vote of thanks to the Chair, the meeting terminated.

The Report.

The Secretary's report for last year was as follows:

1930, the first year in which St. Peter's has flourished not in uneasy independence but in loyal subordination to the Cathedral Church, will not otherwise be noteworthy in the history of St. Peter's. Undisturbed amid cataclysm, the dollar hurrying on its unknown destination, St. Peter's has remained stable. Its most exciting experience has been a thorough cleaning of its ancient interior, energetically carried out by the Sanitary Department. The Church, spick and span, has been plotting to carry out a more dramatic self-improvement—the beginning of life again in Lyttelton Road. While the Dean was in England he secured from Sir Herbert Baker the plan for a beautiful little church; and with the plan in our pocket, and both site and money in nearer reach of our grasp than ever before, we could hardly restrain ourselves from the details of our new furnishing. Alas! that tantalizing bunch of grapes, the Government grant, seems likely to dangle just beyond our reach for some time to come; but we trust that our deferred hopes will not follow the dollar into annihilation.

Against this disappointment, temporary as we hope, we can record an individual undertaking successfully accomplished—the marriage of our Priest. In the autumn we had the happiness of seeing Mr. Watkins enter upon wedded happiness, and of welcoming the lady of his enlightened choice. Mr. Watkins is now such an accepted institution that it is hard to realize that it is not greatly more than a year that we have had him among us, with his still unabated cheerfulness and his light and dauntless heart. Mr. Watkins took our affection by storm at his first coming, and we have now been conquered again.

We also had the pleasure in the autumn of welcoming back to the Colony our former Chaplain, Mr. Hulward; he has been most unlucky since his return, but we hope he will soon regain his usual exuberant health.

Satisfactory Attendance.

The attendance at St. Peter's has been only a little less healthy than in 1929; the average has been 50 (as against 55 in 1929), 12 at the 8 o'clock and 38 at the 11 o'clock service. There are 32 on the electoral roll, 2 having joined since the last annual meeting and 1 having left. During the summer the experiment was made of holding

the later services at 10 instead of 11 o'clock; but though a majority of the congregation had voted for the innovation a minority supported it, and it will not be repeated. The congregation were at the same time asked to express their opinion whether the Sung Eucharist should be held every Sunday instead of on two Sundays of the month; a majority voted against the change.

The garden-fete was again held with success, in November. The amount realised was smaller than in 1929, but the enterprise was adopted, the Secretary, Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell, moved the adoption of the report, which was carried.

The election of four additional members to the Church Council was next proceeded with. In addition to Mr. H. A. Allen (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. A. C. Braine-Hartnell (Hon. Secretary), Mr. R. Ashton Hill and Miss Atkins, the following were also elected—Mrs. C. B. Shann, Miss R. Mow-fung, Mr. E. S. Cunningham, and Mr. G. S. Ladd.

Mrs. Randall has kindly allowed the Sunday-School to be held in her house, No. 1 Prospect Place. Its dimensions have been small during the year, as it has received little encouragement from the congregation. The Rhenish Mission Church, older established, draws most of the children in the district.

At the Patronal Festival on 29th June we were glad to welcome the Rev. W. T. Featherstone, a former chaplain-in-charge of St. Peter's, with some hundred of his boys.

We are grateful for assistance received in conducting our services during the year from the Revs. E. A. Armstrong, G. V. Carpenter, W. T. Featherstone, J. C. Ford, N. V. Halward, E. W. L. Martin, H. Mattocks, C. B. Shann, and A. D. Stewart. To Mrs. Griggs we are again grateful for the unstinted giving of her talent in the post of Organist; we are sad that she is shortly to resign this post before going on leave. We thank the Inspector of No. 7 Police Station for many acts of kindness.

Mr. Ashton Hill's report on the Duplex Fund shows a satisfactory position, the receipts for 1930 being \$966.02—\$752.87 for Maintenance and \$213.16 for Extension—a sum \$35.98 below the optimistic figure of the budget. At the beginning of the year there were 17 subscribers with a total weekly subscription of \$16.60; at the close of the year there were 19 subscribers with a total weekly subscription of \$20.10. We can expect 19 subscribers at the beginning of 1931, but certain factors reduce our expectations to about \$800. However, we again budget for \$1,000, hoping that this good round figure will act as an incentive for the expansion of the fund.

Mr. Hill also reports on St. Peter's Guild. The Guild at December 31, 1930 had 28 names on the Register. Devotional and Social Meetings and Corporate Communion have been held regularly, but the attendances have not been at all encouraging.

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Finally, let us wish St. Peter's a happy and prosperous New Year.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

Sunday, January 25.—His Excellency the Governor, attended by His Excellency's personal staff, lunched with the Honourable Mr. A. E. Wood at Tai Po, and watched the start of the Golf Match at Fanling.

Monday, January 26.—His Excellency the Governor, attended by Captain T. A. H. Colman, A.D.C., represented His Excellency the Governor at the ceremony at Kowloon Wharf, when the remains of Captain Schoop, late Commander of the U.S. Navy, South China Patrol, were placed on board the President Jackson.

Tuesday, January 27.—His Excellency presided at a meeting of the District Watch Committee.

The Hon. Mr. and Mrs. Croxley, the Rev. H. R. Wells, and Mr. and Mrs. Courlary lunched at Government House.

Wednesday, January 28.—Accompanied by the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, D.P.W. and Mr. E. W. Carpenter, A.D.P.W., His Excellency visited the Whampoa Dock, where he was received by Mr. R. M. Dyer.

Thursday, January 29.—His Excellency presided at the meetings of the Executive and Legislative Councils.

Friday, January 30.—The Hon. Mrs. Charlton Tufton and Miss Tufton arrived at Government House.

Captain Baldwin lunched at Government House.

The following were the guests at dinner: Captain and Mrs. Mackinnon, Mr. and Mrs. Teichman, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stewart, Mr. E. Davidson, Lt. Comdr. P. N. Walter, Mr. Schreiber, Miss Mackinnon and Miss Mackie.

Saturday, January 31.—His Excellency received Sir Ernest Thompson, Chairman of the British Economic Mission to the Far East.

Captain and Mrs. Thorp dined at Government House.

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BRITISH MISSION.

TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS THOROUGHLY.

The following letter is addressed by Sir Ernest Thompson, Chairman of the British Economic Mission now in Hongkong, to the Editor of the Telegraph:

Sir,—References which have appeared in certain Hongkong newspapers to the work of the British Economic Mission during its stay here contain statements which imply that Hongkong and its trade are not to receive the same attention from the Mission as was given elsewhere. It has been stated that after about only one week's investigation the members of the Mission will be entirely engaged in writing the Reports, and one paper remarks that "the Colony may claim the right to be heard if only as a Shanghai echo."

I wish to state, on behalf of the Economic Mission and the Cotton Mission, that it is, and always has been, the intention of the Missions to investigate as thoroughly and as carefully in Hongkong as elsewhere.

Many engagements have already been made by members of the Missions with leading Hongkong business men, and we fully realize the importance of Hongkong in the Far Eastern Trade. Our plans provide for every useful contact and supply of information which will help us in our task.

I should like to say that I cannot understand how such misleading statements appeared in the press, as some time ago the Missions requested the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce to arrange for us to interview individually leading men in different trades and industries, and communicated two questionnaires to the Chamber as bases for these discussions. The Chamber of Commerce has been good enough to carry out the requests of the Missions and we are looking forward to a really strenuous and useful time at Hongkong.

ERNEST THOMPSON,
Chairman.

OBITUARY.

NAVAL YARD SERGEANT DIES
ON WAY HOME.

The death occurred on board the s.s. Rancho whilst on its way Home from Hongkong, of Mr. W. Howells formerly of the Royal Naval Yard Police, who left for England on January 3 after some months in Hospital in Hongkong.

Unmarried, the late Mr. Howells was formerly a sergeant of the Royal Naval Yard Police and was 46 years of age. He had been suffering from tuberculosis in the throat and spent several months in Hospital before proceeding Home to recuperate.

Much sympathy will be extended to the relatives of the deceased gentleman.

Mrs. Rebeca Shak.

We regret to report the death of Mrs. Rebeca J. S. Shak, the wife of the Headmaster of the Sacred Heart College, after a long illness of about ten months. Mrs. Shak passed away yesterday, at the age of 23. She had been married only two years, and much sympathy will be felt for the bereaved husband.

The funeral will take place this afternoon, passing the Monument at Happy Valley at 1.30 p.m.

WHAT IS MARU?

N.Y.K. ISSUES INTERESTING PAMPHLET ON SUBJECT.

Regarding the origin and derivation of the word "Maru," commonly used with a name of a ship, there have been diverse views expressed by different authorities, and this subject has from time to time given rise to an animated discussion among students and laymen alike.

An interesting pamphlet issued by the N.Y.K. Office declares:

In the Dec. 18-19 (1928) issues of the *Moto Shimpō*, there appeared an interesting article dealing with this subject, written by Mr. Enosuke Nakamura. For the sake of general information to the public, we take pleasure in translating the resume of his article as below:

"In Japan, from a big ocean-going liner to a small river craft, each has a name with the suffix "Maru." As to its origin and the base of its derivation, different views have been expressed by men of knowledge, thus:

1.—According to an old legend, in ancient China under the reign of the Emperor Kao-ti, there was a man by the name of Tu-shi-shi, whom a messenger from Heaven, called Hakko-Maru, appeared and taught him the art of shipbuilding. Since then, ships are said to have been named with the suffix "Maru" in deference to the instructor.

2.—In old times in Japan, family names often had the suffix "Maru" appended, just as "yan" is added to names of business houses at present. This is said to be a derivation of the word "Maru" applied to ships.

3.—To call a ship "Maru" is, according to the heavenly system, the same as to call the towers of a castle Hon-maru, Nino-maru, etc.

4.—The name is derived from divination.

Reverence to Deity.

5.—The Shrine of Shiga Maru in Shigashima Isle in Chikuzen Province is dedicated to Akumu-girin Maru, a deity supposed to live under the water. Suffixing "Maru" to names of Japanese ships is due to reverence to this deity.

6.—To address a man or express oneself, Maru (or maru) was often used in the old times. Thus there were the names of Hishimaru-no-Maru, Kaki-no-moto-no-Maru, Hitomaro, Abe-no Nakamura, etc. Among boys who subsequently became great men were Hiroyoshi Maru and Ushikawa Maru. Domestic animals, such as horses and dogs, were also called with the endearing name of "Maru," such as Setsu Maru for a horse, and Okina Maru for a dog. To call towers of a castle Hon-Maru, Nino-Maru etc., etc., is due to the fact that people in former days had a prejudice against squarishness in a plan of castlebuilding, and called the towers "Maru" (meaning roundness) in contradiction to their shapes.

7.—Maro was originally a self-deprecatory word standing for oneself, as "I" or "myself," but it gradually became a word applied to intimate objects, such as kama-maru for a kama (sickle), hatachi-maru for hatachi (a species of cricket), etc. Names of swords which were used to guard oneself were often suffixed with "Maru," as Kogarsan-maru, Oni-maru, Tomokiri-maru, etc. It was also given to the names of male children in general, but it was afterwards used only for children of noble birth or pages serving in Buddhist temples.

Child Names.

In conclusion Mr. Nakamura states his own view as follows:

"It is true that, from old times, children (male) were often named with the suffix Maru, and the reasons for so naming are: first, it sounds very euphonious having a sense of dearness in itself; secondly, Maru (roundness) is one of the shapes, much more symmetrical, than a triangle or a square and therefore beautiful; thirdly, Maru signifies harmony and possesses the meaning of encouraging the child's future braving the difficulties of life and reaching the shore of success. With the same intention it has been applied

to the names of ships no as to soften their nomenclature. It also facilitates the future of ships, so that they will ride over dangerous seas without mishap. Thus "Maru" applied to a ship personifies it and facilitates its future. Contrary to the western usage of treating a ship as of feminine gender, the Japanese consider it as of the opposite sex.

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SINDHI GATHERING.

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Mr. F. T. Melwani, the chairman, spoke a few words of welcome and explained the object of the meeting, after which he called upon Mrs. Kalachand to distribute the prizes. After that Mr. Numalil emphasised the need for unity among the community, not only on the field of sport but also in their daily life.

The gathering partook of tea, after which a number of songs were contributed.

The prize winners were, Messrs. T. T. Chellaram, H.-H. Mahtani, B. K. Moorjani, Nihalchand, M. T. Melwani and Nari.

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